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COMMERCIAL FAILURES  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the first quarter of 1955, the number of failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 661, somewhat below last year's first quarter total of 680. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$14,858,000, a drop of over 11 per cent from the 1954 first quarter total of \$16,760,000. The average value of liabilities per failure was slightly below \$22,500 as compared with somewhat over \$24,600 one year ago.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

The number of bankruptcies in the trade sector, where a large proportion of business mortalities usually occurs, dropped from 299 in the first quarter of 1954 to 253. Failures in the general store, grocery, clothing, automobile and electrical apparatus fields all fell off in this comparison. Bankruptcies of manufacturing establishments totalled 117, as compared with 127 in the same period last year. Service insolvencies rose slightly from 110 in the first quarter of 1954 to 114, with failures in the construction and finance sectors also increasing as compared with the same period last year.

Failures by Economic Areas

The number of bankruptcies in Quebec dropped from 505 to 475 in the first quarter comparison. Failures in British Columbia declined from 27 to 20 and insolvencies in the Atlantic Provinces fell from 15 to 9. Bankruptcies in Ontario rose from 104 in the first quarter of 1954 to 122, while failures in the Prairie region increased from 29 to 35.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1954 AND 1955

	Total		Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures			
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures
1952*	1,509	29,658	42	2	7	305	31	24	37
1953*	1,657	32,818	37	6	10	359	41	29	45
1954	2,278	53,142	48	17	15	416	44	31	56
<u>1954</u>									
Jan. ..	196	5,705	2	4	5	39	3	4	9
Feb. ..	238	5,728	4	3	2	43	4	2	2
Mar. ..	246	5,327	6	4	1	45	5	3	9
Apr. ..	192	5,200	3	1	2	34	3	2	5
May ...	146	4,852	5	-	-	33	3	4	4
June ..	201	5,156	4	1	-	33	4	1	4
July ..	152	3,393	3	-	-	29	3	2	2
Aug. ..	165	3,908	4	-	1	23	4	2	4
Sept. .	170	3,387	5	1	1	29	2	3	2
Oct. ..	190	3,595	3	-	2	32	5	3	3
Nov. ..	191	3,437	4	2	1	31	4	1	7
Dec. ..	191	3,454	5	1	-	35	4	4	5
<u>1955</u>									
Jan. ..	220	4,998	6	1	1	40	5	5	3
Feb. ..	211	4,793	4	1	1	40	4	5	5
Mar. ..	230	5,067	7	-	2	37	5	4	3

	Manufactures		Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Trade			Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Classi- fied
	Iron and Steel				Total	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores		
1952*	17	114	45	569	53	56	66	32	279	114
1953*	18	124	52	650	62	61	86	30	286	103
1954	19	135	67	973	92	88	116	41	408	158
<u>1954</u>										
Jan. ..	-	10	7	86	7	6	13	3	31	9
Feb. ..	3	14	6	104	11	8	8	6	42	14
Mar. ..	2	14	5	109	11	13	15	5	37	20
Apr. ..	2	8	6	88	10	10	8	4	37	9
May ...	3	9	7	61	9	6	6	1	25	5
June ..	3	12	8	85	7	6	11	4	37	17
July ..	-	11	4	53	2	8	8	3	38	11
Aug. ..	3	10	3	68	7	7	8	3	31	12
Sept. .	1	10	5	70	3	4	11	2	32	15
Oct. ..	-	12	7	86	8	10	13	3	29	16
Nov. ..	2	15	6	81	10	6	6	4	34	13
Dec. ..	-	10	3	82	17	4	9	3	35	17
<u>1955</u>										
Jan. ..	-	13	4	90	6	8	12	9	35	21
Feb. ..	2	13	6	78	6	6	9	7	39	22
Mar. ..	2	18	6	85	9	7	9	6	40	29

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

\*Annual totals.



TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS  
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
<b>TRADE</b>								
General Stores .....		13	5	1	2	21	29	16
Grocery .....		16	3	1	1	21	27	18
Confectionery .....		14	2	-	-	16	13	8
Drink and Tobacco .....		7	2	-	-	9	7	6
Fish and Meat .....		14	6	-	-	20	19	10
Boots and Shoes .....		6	1	-	-	7	8	3
Dry Goods .....		11	3	-	-	14	16	9
Clothing .....		21	7	2	-	30	36	14
Furniture .....		5	3	1	-	9	13	8
Books and Stationery ..		11	1	-	-	12	9	2
Automobile .....		9	3	1	-	13	17	6
Hardware .....	2	5	1	1	-	9	7	2
Electrical Apparatus ..		10	8	-	1	19	23	3
Jewelry .....		7	4	-	1	12	11	8
Coal and Wood .....		5	1	-	-	6	11	2
Drugs and Chemicals ...		5	1	-	1	7	9	5
Miscellaneous .....	2	17	8	-	1	28	44	26
Total Trade .....	4	176	59	7	7	253	299	146
<b>MANUFACTURES</b>								
Vegetable Foods .....		13	1	-	-	14	12	13
Drink and Tobacco .....		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods .....		11	-	-	-	11	8	6
Fur and Leather .....	1	9	3	1	-	14	9	5
Pulp and Paper .....		4	-	-	-	4	8	2
Textiles .....		14	2	-	-	16	14	11
Clothing .....		17	4	-	-	21	19	17
Lumber and Manufactures		8	3	-	-	11	20	11
Iron and Steel .....		3	1	-	-	4	5	5
Non-ferrous Metals ...		-	2	-	-	2	5	1
Non-metallic Minerals.		2	-	1	-	3	5	1
Drugs and Chemicals ..		3	-	-	-	3	5	1
Miscellaneous .....		14	-	-	-	14	17	12
Total Manufactures .....	1	98	16	2	-	117	127	85
<b>SERVICE</b>								
Garage .....	-	14	3	2	-	19	19	12
Other custom and repair	1	17	2	1	1	22	22	10
Personal Service .....		16	6	2	1	25	18	11
Restaurants .....		11	4	1	-	16	15	10
Professional Service ..		9	-	-	-	9	11	8
Recreational Service ..		7	1	-	1	9	10	5
Business Service .....		11	2	1	-	14	15	4
Total Service .....	1	85	18	7	3	114	110	60

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR  
THE FIRST QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
<b>OTHER</b>								
Agriculture .....		13	3	-	1	17	12	9
Logging, Fishing and Trapping .....		4	-	-	-	4	11	-
Mining .....		2	-	-	-	2	8	3
Construction .....		21	9	11	3	44	38	25
Transportation and Public Utilities ....		13	2	-	1	16	18	14
Finance .....		19	2	1	-	22	14	7
Not Classified .....	3	44	13	7	5	72	43	33
Total Other .....	3	116	29	19	10	177	144	91
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GRAND TOTAL .....	9	475	122	35	20	661	680	382

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, FIRST QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISON<sup>X</sup>

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
Trade .....	1	32	6	1	1	41	26	12
Manufactures .....	-	9	2	-	-	11	9	8
Service .....	-	5	3	-	-	8	16	16
Other .....	-	6	3	1	-	10	8	10
Total .....	1	52	14	2	1	70	59	46

X Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, FIRST QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January .....	-	-	3	1	155	44	2	3	6	6	220
February .....	-	-	1	2	154	35	6	3	4	6	211
March .....	2	-	-	-	166	43	6	3	2	8	230
First Quarter 1955	2	-	4	3	475	122	14	9	12	20	661
1954	1	-	8	6	505	104	7	8	14	27	680
1953	3	-	4	1	287	49	4	4	9	21	382
1952	3	-	9	4	357	69	5	2	2	19	470



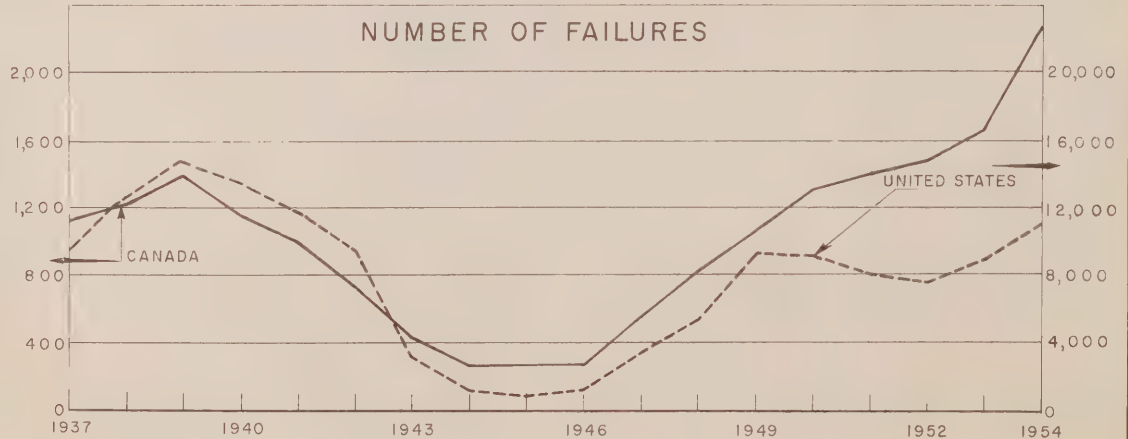
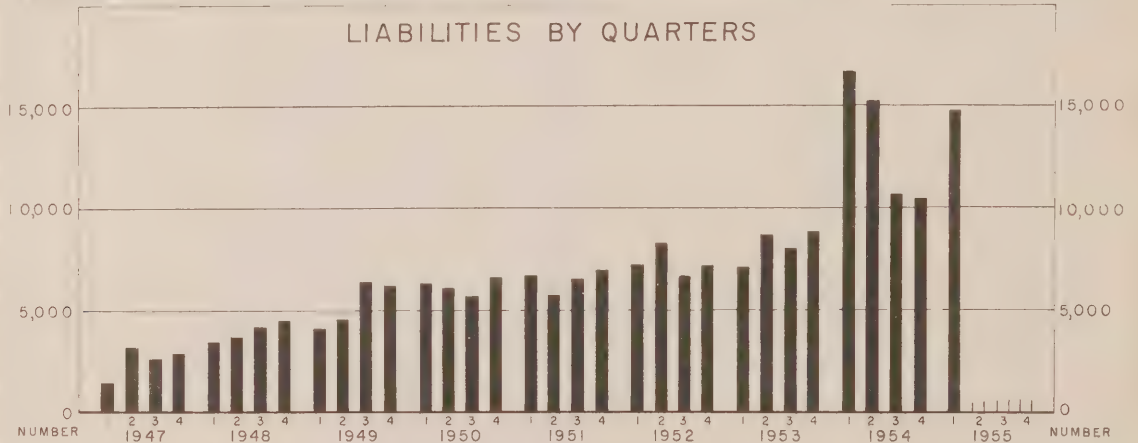
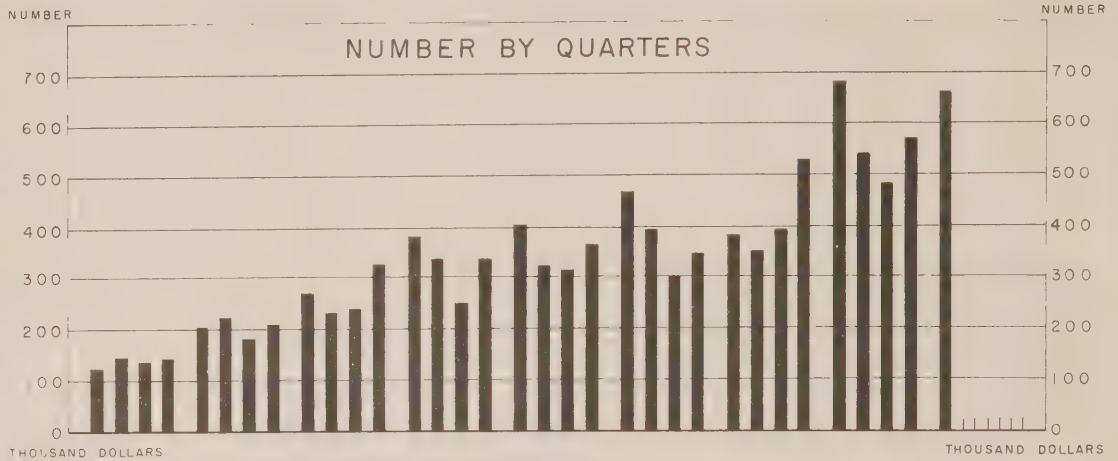
TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland .....	2	32,369	61,389
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	4	278,185	319,721
New Brunswick .....	3	32,590	47,233
Quebec .....	475	6,169,118	9,156,013
Ontario .....	122	2,617,529	3,097,100
Manitoba .....	14	443,156	794,352
Saskatchewan .....	9	239,001	430,817
Alberta .....	12	173,594	302,037
British Columbia .....	20	567,133	649,628
Comparative Total for the			
First Quarter - 1955 .....	661	10,552,675	14,858,290
1954 .....	680	10,756,198	16,759,823
1953 .....	382	5,173,001	7,150,962
1952 .....	472	4,783,147	7,285,001
1951 .....	402	4,269,893	6,688,412
1950 .....	382	4,040,543	6,307,156
1949 .....	270	2,659,506	4,195,655
1948 .....	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1947 .....	120	954,602	1,431,807
1944 .....	94	535,644	1,185,693
1939 .....	371	2,614,428	3,592,118
1932 .....	667	12,971,869	11,110,423
1929 .....	646	8,076,661	13,143,000

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1954											
January .....	-	-	-	-	32	2	-	-	-	-	34
February .....	-	-	-	-	37	4	-	-	-	-	41
March .....	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	1	-	40
April .....	-	-	-	-	38	1	-	-	-	2	41
May .....	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	-	-	39
June .....	-	-	-	-	38	2	-	-	-	-	40
July .....	-	-	-	-	42	3	-	-	-	1	46
August .....	-	-	-	-	35	2	-	-	-	-	37
September .....	1	-	-	-	23	2	1	-	-	-	27
October .....	-	-	-	-	35	2	1	-	-	-	38
November .....	-	-	-	-	32	2	1	1	-	1	37
December .....	-	-	-	-	30	5	1	-	-	-	36
1955											
January .....	1	-	1	-	37	7	-	-	-	1	47
February .....	-	-	-	1	36	4	1	-	1	1	44
March .....	-	-	-	-	34	5	-	-	-	1	40

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### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the second quarter of 1955, there were 593 failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, about 10 per cent above last year's second quarter total of 539. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$14,431,000, a drop of over 5 per cent from the 1954 second quarter total of \$15,208,000. The average value of liabilities per failure was slightly over \$24,300, appreciably lower than the corresponding second quarter average of \$28,200 one year ago.

Failures in the first six months of 1955 numbered 1,254, about 3 per cent more than the 1,219 insolvencies recorded in the first half of last year. Total estimated liabilities over the six-months period, however, were \$29,290,000, over 8 per cent below the 1954 six months total of \$31,968,000.

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#### Failures by Industries

The number of bankruptcies in the trade sector, where a large proportion of business mortalities occurs, dropped from 533 in the first half of 1954 to 496. Failures of manufacturing establishments also fell off from 227 to 198 in this comparison. Insolvencies in the construction field, however, rose from 67 in the first half of 1954 to 85. Service bankruptcies also advanced from 209 last year to 229.

#### Failures by Economic Areas

The number of failures in Quebec province declined from 902 in the first half of 1954 to 887. Insolvencies in British Columbia also fell off from 46 to 42 in the six-month comparison with bankruptcies in the Atlantic Provinces declining from 24 to 18. Failures in Ontario increased substantially from 194 in the first half of last year to 242, while bankruptcies in the Prairie region rose from 53 to 65 in the same comparison.

#### Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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Feb. ..	211	4,793	4	1	1	40	4	5	5
Mar. ..	230	5,067	7	-	2	37	5	4	3
Apr. ..	194	5,011	4	1	1	33	4	4	4
May ...	199	5,832	5	1	1	30	3	3	4
June ..	200	3,588	5	1	-	18	-	-	3

	Manufactures	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Trade				Fin- ance		Not Classi- fied
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Apr. ..	2	8	6	88	10	10	8	4	37	9
May ...	3	9	7	61	9	6	6	1	25	5
June ..	3	12	8	85	7	6	11	4	37	17
July ..	-	11	4	53	2	8	8	3	38	11
Aug. ..	3	10	3	68	7	7	8	3	31	12
Sept...	1	10	5	70	3	4	11	2	32	15
Oct. ..	-	12	7	86	8	10	13	3	29	16
Nov. ..	2	15	6	81	10	6	6	4	34	13
Dec. ..	-	10	3	82	17	4	9	3	35	17
1955										
Jan. ..	-	13	4	90	6	8	12	9	35	21
Feb. ..	2	13	6	78	6	6	9	7	39	22
Mar. ..	2	18	6	85	9	7	9	6	40	29
Apr. ..	-	9	4	88	5	8	11	3	39	12
May ...	4	13	5	87	9	9	10	4	38	15
June ..	4	19	20	68	2	11	13	1	38	30

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

\*Annual totals.

Table 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS  
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
<b>TRADE</b>								
General Stores .....	-	9	3	3	1	16	26	9
Grocery .....	-	18	8	1	1	28	22	11
Confectionery .....	-	8	1	-	1	10	14	2
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	7	-	-	-	7	5	3
Fish and Meat .....	-	12	3	-	-	15	15	11
Boots and Shoes .....	-	7	3	-	-	10	7	3
Dry Goods .....	-	13	-	-	-	13	12	3
Clothing .....	2	19	10	-	3	34	28	23
Furniture .....	-	11	3	2	-	16	11	12
Books and Stationery ..	-	4	-	2	-	6	9	4
Automobile .....	-	6	2	2	1	11	13	4
Hardware .....	1	4	4	1	-	10	6	5
Electrical Apparatus ..	-	8	6	1	1	16	13	10
Jewelry .....	-	7	-	3	-	10	5	12
Coal and Wood .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	6	3
Drugs and Chemicals....	-	3	1	-	-	4	6	5
Miscellaneous .....	-	20	7	3	5	35	36	23
Total Trade .....	3	158	51	18	13	243	234	141
<b>MANUFACTURES</b>								
Vegetable Foods .....	1	6	-	-	-	7	10	6
Drink and Tobacco.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	9	2
Fur and Leather .....	-	6	1	-	-	7	7	5
Pulp and Paper .....	-	4	2	1	-	7	9	-
Textiles .....	-	10	4	-	-	14	11	16
Clothing .....	-	9	1	-	-	10	13	9
Lumber and Manufactures	-	7	3	-	1	11	14	13
Iron and Steel .....	-	6	2	-	-	8	8	3
Non-ferrous Metals ....	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	1
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	1
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	6	1	-	-	7	-	1
Miscellaneous .....	-	3	-	1	-	4	11	16
Total Manufactures .....	1	63	14	2	1	81	100	73
<b>SERVICE</b>								
Garage .....	-	9	6	1	-	16	17	13
Other custom and repair	-	13	7	-	-	20	26	10
Personal Service .....	-	14	3	1	1	19	19	14
Restaurants .....	-	18	4	-	2	24	13	11
Professional Service ..	-	9	3	-	-	12	11	8
Recreational Service ..	-	5	2	1	-	8	5	6
Business Service .....	-	13	1	1	1	16	10	3
Total Service .....	-	81	26	4	4	115	101	65

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR  
THE SECOND QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
<b>OTHER</b>								
Agriculture .....	-	8	5	-	1	14	12	8
Logging, Fishing and Trapping .....	-	3	-	-	-	3	2	1
Mining .....	-	-	1	-	1	2	2	3
Construction .....	3	23	14	-	1	41	30	28
Transportation and Public Utilities .	-	24	4	1	-	29	22	15
Finance .....	-	8	-	-	-	8	8	5
Not Classified .....	2	44	5	5	1	57	28	12
Total Other .....	5	110	29	6	4	154	104	72
GRAND TOTAL .....	9	412	120	30	22	593	539	351

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, SECOND QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS<sup>X</sup>

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
Trade .....	-	33	3	-	-	36	26	17
Manufactures .....	-	8	1	-	-	9	14	6
Service .....	-	13	3	-	-	16	16	7
Other .....	-	23	2	-	-	25	8	10
Total .....	-	77	9	-	-	86	64	40

X Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCE, SECOND QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January .....	-	-	3	1	155	44	2	3	6	6	220
February .....	-	-	1	2	154	35	6	3	4	6	211
March .....	2	-	-	-	166	43	6	3	2	8	230
April .....	-	1	1	4	131	41	2	4	3	7	194
May .....	-	-	-	1	138	39	2	4	7	8	199
June .....	1	-	-	1	143	40	-	3	5	7	200
Six months' total 1955	3	1	5	9	887	242	18	20	27	42	1,254
Six months' total 1954	1	2	13	8	902	194	14	15	24	46	1,219
Six months' total 1953	3	-	8	4	541	112	10	10	13	32	733



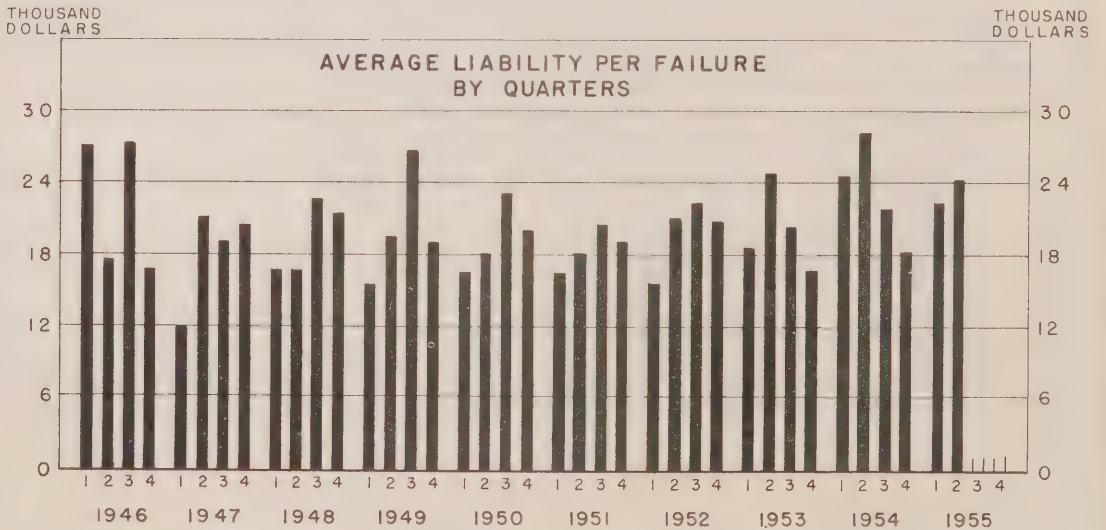
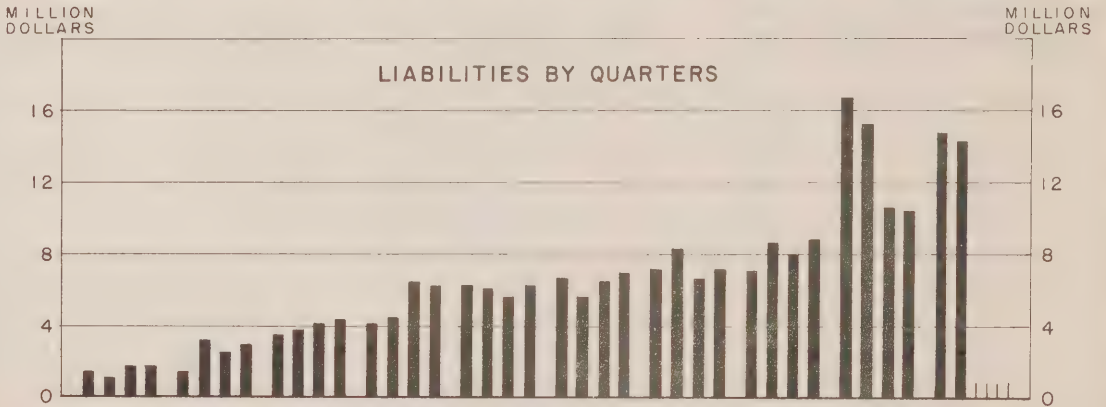
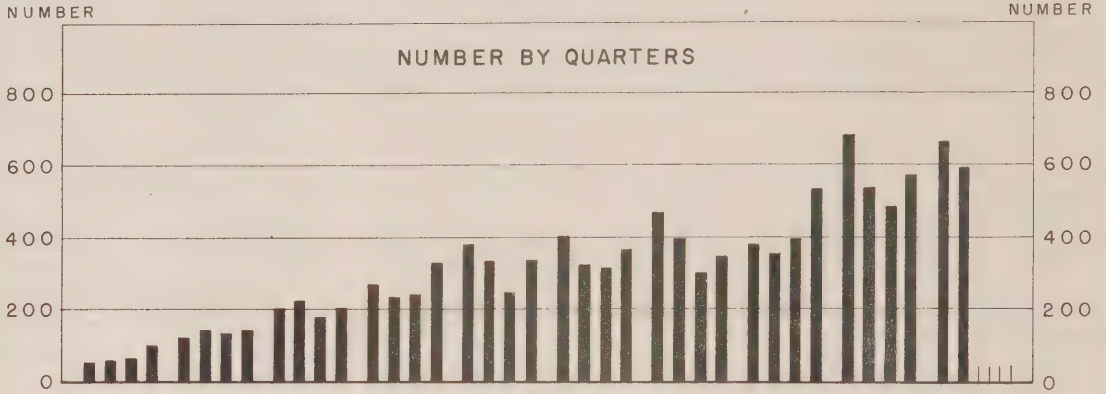
TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Newfoundland .....	1	37,340	64,605
Prince Edward Island .....	1	-	24,216
Nova Scotia .....	1	-	n.a.
New Brunswick .....	6	212,251	384,857
Quebec .....	412	6,184,263	8,577,855
Ontario .....	120	2,491,361	3,932,112
Manitoba .....	4	21,063	58,839
Saskatchewan .....	11	311,624	533,743
Alberta .....	15	187,311	293,254
British Columbia .....	22	292,875	561,742
Comparative Total for the Second Quarter -			
1955 .....	593	9,738,088	14,431,223
1954 .....	539	11,084,140	15,208,000
1953 .....	351	5,443,776	8,716,863
1952 .....	394	5,173,001	8,384,104
1951 .....	321	4,389,792	5,796,007
1950 .....	338	4,529,106	6,135,180
1949 .....	230	3,661,513	4,529,840
1948 .....	222	2,570,683	3,716,852
1947 .....	146	1,887,252	3,101,753
1944 .....	61	400,925	756,584
1939 .....	346	2,788,143	4,189,660
1932 .....	573	11,596,713	16,108,434
1929 .....	507	7,534,078	7,882,774

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1954											
April .....	-	-	-	-	38	1	-	-	-	2	41
May .....	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	-	-	39
June .....	-	-	-	-	38	2	-	-	-	-	40
July .....	-	-	-	-	42	3	-	-	-	1	46
August .....	-	-	-	-	35	2	-	-	-	-	37
September .....	1	-	-	-	23	2	1	-	-	-	27
October .....	-	-	-	-	35	2	1	-	-	-	38
November .....	-	-	-	-	32	2	1	1	-	1	37
December .....	-	-	-	-	30	5	1	-	-	-	36
1955											
January .....	1	-	1	-	37	7	-	-	-	1	47
February .....	-	-	-	1	36	4	1	-	1	1	44
March .....	-	-	-	-	34	5	-	-	-	1	40
April .....	-	-	-	-	42	2	-	-	-	-	44
May .....	-	-	-	-	33	5	-	-	-	1	39
June .....	-	-	-	1	25	2	-	-	-	-	28

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### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the third quarter of 1955, there were 534 failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, not quite 10 per cent above last year's third quarter total of 487. However, estimated liabilities involved amounted only to \$9,198,000, as compared with \$10,688,000 in the third quarter of 1954, a decline of 14 per cent. The average value of liabilities per failure was slightly over \$17,200, down substantially from the average of over \$21,900 in the third quarter of the previous year.

Failures in the first nine months of 1955 numbered 1,789, not quite 5 per cent more than the 1,706 insolvencies recorded in the first nine months of last year. Total estimated liabilities were \$38,614,000, 9.5 per cent lower than the corresponding 1954 total of \$42,656,000.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

#### Failures by Industries

The number of bankruptcies in the trade sector dropped from 724 in the first nine months of 1954 to 667. Failures of manufacturing establishments also declined from 318 to 246 in this comparison. Insolvencies in the construction field, however, rose sharply in the third quarter to total 168 in the first nine months of 1955, as compared with 97 in the same period last year. Service bankruptcies rose from 308 to 324 in the nine-month comparison.

#### Failures by Economic Areas

The number of failures in Quebec province rose from 1,232 in the first nine months of 1954 to 1,291. Insolvencies in Ontario advanced from 307 to 322 in the same comparison, while bankruptcies in the Prairie region increased from 73 to 85. Failures in British Columbia rose from 59 to 64 in the nine month period, but bankruptcies in the Atlantic provinces dropped from 35 to 27.

#### Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1954 AND 1955

	Total		Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures			
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures
1952 <sup>x</sup>	1,509	29,658	42	2	7	305	31	24	37
1953 <sup>x</sup>	1,657	32,818	37	6	10	359	41	29	45
1954 <sup>x</sup>	2,278	53,142	48	17	15	416	44	31	56
<u>1954</u>									
July ..	152	3,393	3	-	-	29	3	2	2
Aug. ..	165	3,908	4	-	1	33 <sup>r</sup>	4	2	4
Sept. ..	170	3,387	5	1	1	29	2	3	1 <sup>r</sup>
Oct. ..	190	3,595	3	-	2	32	5	3	3
Nov. ..	191	3,437	4	2	1	31	4	1	7
Dec. ..	191	3,454	5	1	-	35	4	4	5
<u>1955</u>									
Jan. ..	220	4,998	6	1	1	40	5	5	3
Feb. ..	211	4,793	4	1	1	40	4	5	5
Mar. ..	230	5,067	7	-	2	37	5	4	3
Apr. ..	194	5,011	4	1	1	33	4	4	4
May ..	199	5,832	5	1	1	30	3	3	4
June ..	201 <sup>r</sup>	3,716 <sup>r</sup>	5	1	-	19 <sup>r</sup>	-	-	4 <sup>r</sup>
July ..	161	2,660	4	-	1	16	1	-	3
Aug. ..	176	3,537	3	-	-	20	2	-	5
Sept. ..	197	3,000	5	1	-	11	-	1	3

	Manufactures		Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Trade			Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Classi- fied
	Iron and Steel				Total Stores	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores		
1952 <sup>x</sup>	17	114	45	569	53	56	66	32	279	114
1953 <sup>x</sup>	18	124	52	650	62	61	86	30	286	103
1954 <sup>x</sup>	19	135	67	973	92	88	116	41	408	158
<u>1954</u>										
July ..	-	11	4	53	2	8	8	3	38	11
Aug. ..	3	10	3	68	7	7	8	3	31	12
Sept. ..	1	9 <sup>r</sup>	4 <sup>r</sup>	70	3	4	8 <sup>r</sup>	3 <sup>r</sup>	30 <sup>r</sup>	18 <sup>r</sup>
Oct. ..	-	12	7	86	8	10	13	3	29	16
Nov. ..	2	15	6	81	10	6	6	4	34	13
Dec. ..	-	10	3	82	7 <sup>r</sup>	4	9	3	35	17
<u>1955</u>										
Jan. ..	-	13	4	90	6	8	12	9	35	21
Feb. ..	2	13	6	78	6	6	9	7	39	22
Mar. ..	2	18	6	85	9	7	9	6	40	29
Apr. ..	-	9	4	88	5	8	11	3	39	12
May ...	4	13	5	87	9	9	10	4	38	15
June ..	4	19	20	68	2	11	13	1	38	30
July ..	2	28	16	50	2	4	6	2	27	17
Aug. ..	3	25	12	57	10	5	5	2	30	27
Sept. ..	1	30	17	64	2	5	9	4	38	27

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

x Annual totals.



TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS  
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
<b>TRADE</b>								
General Stores .....	1	10	3	-	-	14	12	16
Grocery .....	1	7	3	2	1	14	19	18
Confectionery .....	-	7	1	-	-	8	12r	8
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	-	1	-	-	1	3r	2
Fish and Meat .....	2	8	1	-	-	11	10	10
Boots and Shoes .....	-	5	1	-	-	6	7r	5
Dry Goods .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	10r	8
Clothing .....	1	8	6	3	2	20	24r	21
Furniture .....	-	6	3	-	-	9	10r	5
Books and Stationery ....	-	-	-	-	-	-	14r	5
Automobile .....	-	6	3	1	1	11	12	8
Hardware .....	-	5	-	1	-	6	4	5
Electrical Apparatus ....	-	4	3	1	-	8	14	20
Jewellery .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	8r	7
Coal and Wood .....	-	2	2	-	-	4	8r	5
Drugs and Chemicals ....	-	2	1	-	-	3	10r	6
Miscellaneous .....	-	36	11	3	2	52	14r	18
Total Trade .....	5	109	40	11	6	171	191r	167
<b>MANUFACTURERS</b>								
Vegetable Foods .....	-	2	-	-	1	3	9	9
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3r	-
Animal Foods .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	9	5
Fur and Leather .....	-	-	1	-	-	1	7	7
Pulp and Paper .....	-	6	-	1	1	8	3	4
Textiles .....	-	5	-	1	-	6	10	11
Clothing .....	-	7	-	-	1	8	15	13
Lumber and Manufacturers.	-	5	5	-	2	12	7r	9
Iron and Steel .....	-	4	2	-	-	6	4	3
Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	7r	4
Non-metallic Minerals ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	2
Drugs and Chemicals .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Miscellaneous .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	14r	10
Total Manufactures .....	-	32	8	2	5	47	91r	79
<b>SERVICE</b>								
Garage .....	-	12	-	-	-	12	18	13
Other custom and repair .	1	14	2	1	-	18	21r	13
Personal Service .....	1	16	3	-	1	21	19r	9
Restaurants .....	-	17	3	2	1	23	18	18
Professional Service ....	-	8	-	-	-	8	8	6
Recreational Service ....	-	4	2	-	1	7	7r	4
Business Service .....	-	4	1	-	1	6	8	9
Total Service .....	2	75	11	3	4	95	99r	72

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
OTHER								
Agriculture .....	-	10	2	-	-	12	12r	10
Logging, Fishing and Trapping .....	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1
Mining .....	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-
Construction .....	1	69	9	2	2	83	30r	35
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	-	39	6	-	-	45	11r	6
Finance .....	-	7	1	-	-	8	9r	6
Not Classified .....	1	63	2	1	4	71	41r	18
Total Other .....	2	188	21	4	6	221	106r	76
GRAND TOTAL .....	9	404	80	20	21	534	487r	394

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, THIRD QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS<sup>x</sup>

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1955	1954	1953
Trade .....	-	26	-	-	-	26	29	14
Manufactures .....	-	14	-	-	-	14	13	3
Service .....	-	11	-	-	-	11	16	9
Other .....	-	98	3	-	1	102	8	12
Total .....	-	149	3	-	1	153	66	38

x Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCE, THIRD QUARTER, 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January .....	-	-	3	1	155	44	2	3	6	6	220
February .....	-	-	1	2	154	35	6	3	4	6	211
March .....	2	-	-	-	166	43	6	3	2	8	230
April .....	-	1	1	4	131	41	2	4	3	7	194
May .....	-	-	-	1	138	39	2	4	7	8	199
June .....	1	-	-	1	143	40	-	3	5	8r	201r
July .....	1	-	-	3	121	24	1	2	3	6	161
August .....	1	1	-	1	135	24	-	4	-	10	176
September .....	1	-	1	-	148	32	3	3	4	5	197
Nine months' total 1955	6	2	6	13	1,291	322	22	29	34	64	1,789
Nine months' total 1954	2	2	14	17	1,232r	307r	17	24	32	59r	1,706r
Nine months' total 1953	3	1	9	9	824	173	18	15	23	52	1,127

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 1955, WITH COMPARISONS

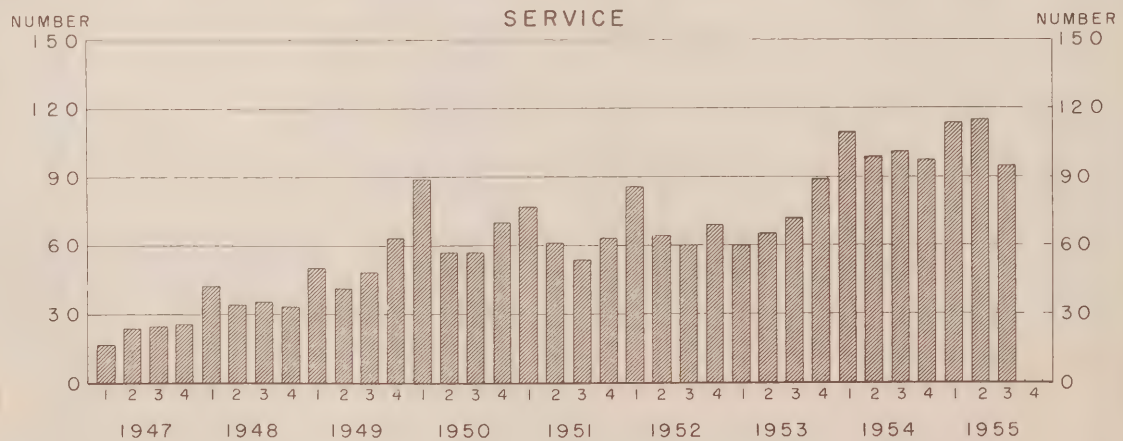
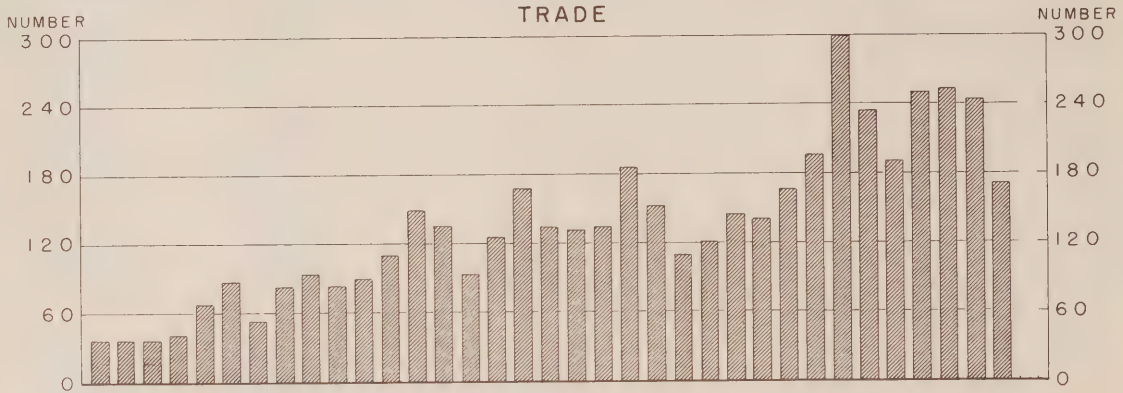
	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
Newfoundland .....	3	\$ 144,817	\$ 177,597
Prince Edward Island .....	1	411,888	434,265
Nova Scotia .....	1	n.a.	n.a.
New Brunswick .....	4	28,941	60,928
Quebec .....	405	1,665,066	4,807,380
Ontario .....	79	1,103,266	2,467,605
Manitoba .....	4	56,835	71,808
Saskatchewan .....	9	733,934	748,764
Alberta .....	7	45,976	69,261
British Columbia .....	21	184,885	360,023
Comparative Total for the			
Third Quarter - 1955 .....	534	4,375,608	9,197,631
1954 .....	487	7,688,396	10,688,079
1953 .....	394	4,982,966	8,074,795
1952 .....	300	4,263,762	6,750,173
1951 .....	312	4,489,901	6,469,772
1950 .....	248	4,399,938	5,798,161
1949 .....	239	5,150,543	6,418,224
1948 .....	181	2,582,402	4,139,130
1947 .....	136	1,698,737	2,596,741
1944 .....	57	373,165	797,283
1939 .....	343	3,206,118	3,789,520
1932 .....	556	6,841,455	8,791,501
1929 .....	437	7,066,742	9,315,961

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1954											
April .....	-	-	-	-	38	1	-	-	-	2	41
May .....	-	-	-	-	37	2	-	-	-	-	39
June .....	-	-	-	-	38	2	-	-	-	-	40
July .....	-	-	-	-	42	3	-	-	-	1	46
August .....	-	-	-	-	35	2	-	-	-	-	37
September .....	1	-	-	-	23	2	1	-	-	-	27
October .....	-	-	-	-	35	2	1	-	-	-	38
November .....	-	-	-	-	32	2	1	1	-	1	37
December .....	-	-	-	-	30	5	1	-	-	-	36
1955											
January .....	1	-	1	-	37	7	-	-	-	1	47
February .....	-	-	-	1	36	4	1	-	1	1	44
March .....	-	-	-	-	34	5	-	-	-	1	40
April .....	-	-	-	-	42	2	-	-	-	-	44
May .....	-	-	-	-	33	5	-	-	-	1	39
June .....	-	-	-	1	25	2	-	-	-	-	28
July .....	-	-	-	-	36	4	-	-	-	-	40
August .....	-	-	-	-	49	2	-	-	-	1	52
September .....	-	-	-	-	33	1	-	-	-	-	34



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### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During 1955, the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts rose to 2,446 from 2,278 in 1954, an increase of 7 per cent. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$58,597,000, 10 per cent higher than during the preceding year. After declining to a very low level during the second World War, the number of Canadian bankruptcies recorded annually has increased steadily since 1946. The yearly aggregate of defaulted liabilities has followed a similar trend. Average liability per failure was about 3 per cent higher in 1955 than during the previous year.

Under Part 3 of the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, (effective July 1950), provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In tables 1 and 10 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

#### Failures by Industries

As in previous years, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector. Bankruptcies of trading establishments, however, fell off from 973 in 1954 to 878. Most types of trading enterprise showed fewer insolvencies than during the previous year, including general stores, groceries, confectionery stores, clothing stores and automobile dealers. Insolvencies of manufacturing establishments dropped substantially from 416 in 1954 to 306, with nearly all industries recording fewer failures. Bankruptcies of service establishments, on the other hand increased from 408 in 1954 to 452. Failures of "other" establishments rose from 481 to 810 in the same comparison, more than doubling in the construction field and increasing sharply in the transportation sector.

#### Failures by Economic Areas

During 1955, 1,786 of the 2,446 insolvencies occurred in Quebec as compared with 1,645 in 1954. Bankruptcies in Ontario rose from 414 in the previous year to 438. Failures in the Prairie Provinces advanced from 101 to 110 in this comparison, with Saskatchewan being responsible for the whole increase. British Columbia showed a slight increase and bankruptcies in the Atlantic region dropped from 45 during 1954 to 37 in 1955.

#### Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1955

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	387	355	368	324	291	271	149	242	320	200	259	242	3,408
1924	291	260	223	180	179	147	155	129	153	184	219	199	2,319
1925	270	162	198	162	160	145	131	134	151	142	163	177	1,995
1926	186	144	136	131	124	145	140	121	132	178	165	171	1,773
1927	192	143	164	130	131	138	121	147	128	184	187	176	1,841
1928	197	188	164	138	148	133	139	142	165	200	193	230	2,037
1929	269	197	180	174	185	148	149	137	151	176	176	224	2,166
1930	261	205	201	194	166	178	169	159	192	216	222	239	2,402
1931	240	188	178	175	163	165	152	155	165	226	213	196	2,216
1932	238	221	208	190	204	179	175	188	193	199	229	196	2,420
1933	216	214	192	184	175	158	142	150	155	144	155	159	2,044
1934	153	140	140	141	132	115	122	103	113	130	119	124	1,532
1935	107	130	124	107	101	109	110	94	98	115	107	112	1,314
1936	104	131	103	100	91	100	104	87	88	94	94	102	1,198
1937	82	92	85	83	95	101	91	96	102	105	94	100	1,126
1938	104	107	107	85	97	107	81	91	108	99	132	101	1,219
1939	127	130	114	126	111	109	117	119	107	121	100	111	1,392
1940	124	107	100	108	110	102	105	86	65	70	99	97	1,173
1941	102	100	92	94	83	84	72	78	67	71	86	79	1,008
1942	84	76	67	65	53	54	58	56	49	59	67	49	737
1943	40	39	51	45	27	36	36	35	31	28	27	26	421
1944	36	28	30	21	23	17	16	19	22	23	32	10	277
1945	35	34	14	23	19	22	22	15	18	26	31	13	272
1946	20	14	20	21	18	20	25	14	25	36	30	35	278
1947	33	41	46	54	47	45	45	37	54	53	42	48	545
1948	65	63	75	78	74	70	46	59	76	65	74	68	813
1949	97	93	80	76	89	65	70	78	91	97	116	114	1,066
1950	117	132	133	121	103	114	78	85	86	111	137	86	1,303
1951	136	134	132	124	97	100	107	118	87	129	142	93	1,399
1952	154	158	158	127	162	105	91	109	100	126	111	108	1,509
1953	125	117	140	122	97	132	120	136	138	205	167	158	1,657
1954	196	238	246	192	146	201	152	165	170	190	191	191	2,278
1955	220	211	230	194	199	203	161	177	198	217	221	215	2,446

Proposals

1950							13	16	7	8	20	15	79
1951	12	21	18	12	15	22	13	16	18	21	5	3	176
1952	14	27	24	14	18	10	9	20	17	16	12	10	191
1953	16	17	12	11	14	21	13	16	16	11	11	13	171
1954	34	41	40	41	39	40	46	37	27	38	37	36	456
1955	47	44	40	44	39	28	40	52	34	52	50	48	518

TABLE 2. DEFAULTED LIABILITIES OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA

1923 - 1955

\$'000

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1923	5,436	6,556	7,683	6,555	3,188	5,862	2,682	3,944	4,667	(-	15,045	-)	61,618
1924	4,174	5,883	4,276	4,447	4,333	5,977	2,687	2,949	3,707	3,399	2,988	3,285	48,105
1925	2,363	2,690	3,946	2,762	3,375	2,649	2,001	2,256	2,319	3,109	2,384	2,300	32,154
1926	2,689	2,836	1,716	2,880	2,065	2,313	2,352	2,455	2,710	3,189	4,164	2,922	32,291
1927	2,626	2,084	2,200	2,280	2,236	2,438	2,035	2,372	2,853	3,095	3,248	3,088	30,555
1928	2,884	2,378	2,193	2,270	2,288	2,234	2,218	2,254	2,167	3,413	3,978	4,178	32,455
1929	4,467	5,716	2,960	2,523	2,403	2,957	2,139	1,744	5,433	2,050	2,775	3,581	38,748
1930	8,661	4,121	4,310	5,025	2,601	2,406	2,540	4,903	2,081	4,017	3,296	4,203	48,164
1931	3,971	4,790	3,184	3,081	3,210	4,613	2,511	2,351	5,167	12,378	4,336	2,957	52,553
1932	4,061	3,651	3,399	9,166	3,148	3,794	2,987	2,825	2,980	3,439	4,343	7,836	51,629
1933	4,050	3,947	3,381	3,022	2,617	2,339	2,289	2,358	2,345	2,322	1,940	2,345	32,954
1934	2,009	2,039	2,057	2,009	2,482	2,421	1,808	1,361	1,628	2,142	2,040	1,602	23,598
1935	1,502	1,190	968	1,685	1,295	1,879	1,638	1,255	1,565	1,799	1,501	1,291	17,567
1936	1,558	1,524	1,402	1,454	1,146	1,428	1,327	1,135	994	929	1,078	1,171	15,145
1937	936	1,150	1,051	816	1,360	1,413	1,050	1,082	1,251	1,404	1,352	1,438	14,303
1938	1,144	1,054	1,159	1,073	1,120	1,267	907	1,099	1,293	1,097	1,472	1,333	14,017
1939	1,366	1,121	1,105	1,465	1,308	1,417	1,371	1,154	1,265	1,515	931	1,072	15,089
1940	1,360	884	1,292	1,191	925	907	903	650	532	492	826	701	10,663
1941	806	853	844	1,161	839	740	716	675	541	549	586	823	9,134
1942	841	569	625	481	349	376	293	343	313	1,018	406	403	6,019
1943	460	1,144	683	456	264	403	556	331	397	253	210	184	5,340
1944	300	219	667	297	222	238	183	312	302	438	640	227	4,044
1945	636	536	221	207	85	106	189	238	266	477	668	367	3,995
1946	971	189	307	290	263	490	494	454	804	614	498	590	5,967
1947	336	565	531	1,365	814	923	790	707	1,100	1,415	540	992	10,078
1948	944	1,027	1,435	1,623	1,109	985	1,095	1,641	1,405	1,128	1,980	1,352	15,724
1949	1,848	1,477	870	1,617	2,096	817	2,146	1,858	2,414	1,575	2,545	2,092	21,356
1950	2,038	2,165	2,104	2,363	2,071	1,700	2,029	1,956	1,813	2,172	2,504	1,957	24,872
1951	2,323	2,097	2,268	2,346	1,784	1,666	2,398	2,409	1,662	2,380	3,154	1,425	25,912
1952	2,455	2,767	2,063	2,266	3,737	2,381	1,903	2,138	2,721	2,452	2,202	2,573	29,658
1953	2,677	2,026	2,448	2,870	2,121	3,726	2,544	2,400	3,131	3,496	3,297	2,082	32,818
1954	5,705	5,728	5,327	5,200	4,852	5,156	3,393	3,908	3,387	3,595	3,437	3,454	53,142
1955	4,998	4,793	5,067	5,011	5,832	3,798	2,897	3,565	3,853	4,280	6,496	8,006	58,597

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1955

Year	New found- land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923		16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
1924		3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
1925		4	71	67	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,995
1926		4	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
1927		4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
1928		4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
1929		1	71	61	927	761	91	84	101	69	2,166
1930		3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
1931		7	51	74	795	793	109	152	131	104	2,216
1932		9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
1933		10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
1934		8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
1935		4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314
1936		6	29	15	589	384	33	57	48	37	1,198
1937		-	23	23	623	335	23	34	25	40	1,126
1938		4	35	31	588	391	67	56	20	27	1,219
1939		3	38	45	669	403	74	67	37	56	1,392
1940		3	26	12	622	362	36	46	31	35	1,173
1941		4	17	7	587	279	23	45	25	21	1,008
1942		2	9	8	456	192	19	26	11	14	737
1943		-	3	3	343	50	3	7	2	10	421
1944		-	3	-	222	33	1	3	4	11	277
1945		1	3	1	225	27	3	-	4	8	272
1946		1	3	2	236	20	-	-	4	12	278
1947		2	6	7	422	72	4	2	6	24	545
1948		1	9	13	613	116	8	4	8	41	813
1949		3	4	12	827	131	16	5	13	55	1,066
1950	3	8	17	20	967	186	16	9	16	61	1,303
1951	5	3	12	24	1,022	227	15	13	14	64	1,399
1952	9	-	17	14	1,167	220	13	8	13	48	1,509
1953	4	1	9	16	1,221	255	27	19	33	72	1,657
1954	4	2	19	20	1,645	414	27	30	44	73	2,278
1955	9	3	9	16	1,786	438	27	39	44	75	2,446

TABLE 4. DEFAULTED LIABILITIES BY PROVINCES

1923 - 1955  
\$'000

Year	New found- land	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	CANADA
1923		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,618
1924		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,105
1925		8	546	656	12,716	14,212	993	736	1,310	976	32,154
1926		18	473	526	13,391	13,288	897	519	957	2,222	32,291
1927		17	519	613	11,483	14,250	1,168	573	1,337	596	30,555
1928		5	766	665	12,325	13,881	1,696	836	1,299	981	32,455
1929		6	543	379	12,476	14,791	1,220	1,055	986	7,292	38,748
1930		20	640	375	15,921	21,025	1,335	2,790	1,836	4,223	48,164
1931		23	437	536	23,567	17,084	3,477	2,267	2,660	2,503	52,553
1932		55	991	926	17,176	23,246	3,061	1,561	2,086	2,527	51,629
1933		64	666	328	15,544	12,391	1,138	678	1,171	974	32,954
1934		33	463	232	11,967	7,419	561	466	440	2,018	23,598
1935		38	177	297	8,253	6,053	539	522	633	1,054	17,567
1936		79	173	100	6,952	6,244	229	449	448	471	15,145
1937		-	221	116	7,008	5,126	342	408	268	815	14,303
1938		38	403	686	6,804	4,404	727	387	158	410	14,017
1939		81	332	520	6,673	4,906	679	612	329	957	15,089
1940		4	275	82	4,971	3,370	249	229	445	1,038	10,663
1941		12	159	92	5,100	2,874	227	202	196	273	9,134
1942		32	45	29	3,879	1,548	155	115	128	88	6,019
1943		-	32	100	3,820	907	30	32	10	408	5,340
1944		-	66	-	2,186	802	30	13	668	279	4,044
1945		13	7	5	2,720	878	39	-	87	246	3,995
1946		5	132	599	3,294	584	-	-	1,064	289	5,967
1947		24	113	40	6,954	1,963	142	9	106	726	10,078
1948		-	132	199	10,622	2,728	189	21	221	1,612	15,724
1949		60	29	100	12,842	5,222	549	364	204	1,985	21,356
1950	22	135	851	203	16,065	4,700	386	137	604	1,769	24,872
1951	168	61	301	417	15,958	5,919	329	155	245	2,359	25,912
1952	228	-	418	185	20,249	6,653	350	132	139	1,304	29,658
1953	42	20	1,302	328	18,022	8,270	975	373	1,493	1,993	32,818
1954	50	41	416	522	30,825	15,036	1,324	659	2,692	1,577	53,142
1955	348	474	352	672	33,550	16,212	1,145	1,963	1,043	2,838	58,597



TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS  
FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1955 WITH COMPARISONS

	THE FOURTH QUARTER							THE YEAR						
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter		Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total	
						1955	1954						1955	1954
<b>TRADE</b>														
General Stores .....	1	6	1	1	-	9	25	2	38	12	5	3	60	92
Grocery .....	1	11	4	3	-	19	20	2	52	19	7	3	83	88
Confectionery .....	-	3	1	-	-	4	17	-	32	5	-	1	38	56
Drink and Tobacco ....	-	1	1	-	-	2	5	-	15	4	-	-	19	20
Fish and Meat .....	-	7	2	-	-	9	14	2	41	12	-	-	55	58
Boots and Shoes .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	7	-	22	5	-	-	27	29
Dry Goods .....	-	5	-	-	1	6	14	-	30	3	-	1	34	52
Clothing .....	-	18	4	2	1	25	28	3	66	27	7	6	109	116
Furniture .....	-	4	2	-	-	6	10	-	26	11	3	-	40	44
Books and Stationery .	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	15	1	2	-	18	43
Automobiles .....	-	1	11	-	-	12	18	-	22	19	4	2	47	60
Hardware .....	-	4	2	3	-	9	12	3	18	7	6	-	34	29
Electric Apparatus ...	-	5	4	-	-	9	21	-	27	21	2	2	52	71
Jewelry .....	-	5	-	-	-	5	3	-	21	5	3	1	30	27
Coal and Wood .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	6	-	11	4	-	-	15	31
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	4	1	-	-	5	4	-	14	4	-	1	19	29
Miscellaneous .....	3	63	11	2	3	82	34	5	137	37	8	11	198	128
Total Trade .....	5	143	45	11	5	209	249	17	587	196	47	31	878	973
<b>MANUFACTURES</b>														
Vegetable Foods .....	-	4	1	-	-	5	13	1	25	2	-	1	29	44
Drink and Tobacco ....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Animal Foods .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	8	-	17	-	-	-	17	34
Fur and Leather .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	8	1	16	5	1	-	23	31
Pulp and Paper .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	9	-	15	2	2	1	20	29
Textiles .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	11	-	31	7	1	-	39	46
Clothing .....	-	7	3	-	-	10	14	-	40	8	-	1	49	61
Lumber & Manufactures.	-	6	1	2	1	10	15	-	26	12	2	5	45	56
Iron and Steel .....	-	4	4	1	-	9	2	-	17	9	1	-	27	19
Non-ferrous Metals ...	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	3	2	-	-	5	19
Non-metallic Minerals.	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	6	-	1	-	7	12
Drugs and Chemicals ..	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	10	1	-	-	11	6
Miscellaneous .....	-	10	4	1	-	15	14	-	28	4	2	-	34	56
Total Manufactures ....	-	41	14	4	1	60	98	2	234	52	10	8	306	416
<b>SERVICE</b>														
Garage .....	-	22	3	-	-	25	18	-	57	12	3	-	72	72
Other custom & repair.	-	18	5	-	-	23	19	2	62	16	2	1	83	88
Personal Service .....	-	23	7	-	1	31	21	1	70	20	3	4	98	77
Restaurants .....	-	24	1	-	1	26	14	-	70	12	4	4	90	60
Professional Service .	-	5	-	1	-	6	9	-	31	3	1	-	35	39
Recreational Service .	-	5	-	-	-	5	6	-	21	5	1	2	29	28
Business Service .....	-	7	1	1	-	9	11	-	35	5	3	2	45	44
Total Service .....	-	104	17	2	2	125	98	3	346	73	17	13	452	408

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR

THE FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1955 WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	THE FOURTH QUARTER						THE YEAR					
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total for 4th Quarter	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prair- ies	B.C.	Total
						1955 1954						1955 1954
<u>OTHER</u>												
Agriculture .....	-	9	-	-	-	9 12	-	40	10	-	2	52 48
Mining .....	-	1	-	-	-	1 3	-	5	1	1	1	8 15
Logging, Fish & Trapping..	-	1	1	-	-	2 3	-	6	2	-	-	8 17
Construction .....	1	81	30	2	-	114 37	6	195	63	15	6	285 135
Transportation and Public Utilities .....	-	22	4	1	2	29 16	-	98	16	2	3	119 67
Finance .....	-	4	1	1	-	6 10	-	37	4	2	-	43 41
Not Classified .....	3	89	2	3	1	98 46	9	238	21	16	11	295 158
Total Other .....	4	207	38	7	3	259 127	15	619	117	36	23	810 481
GRAND TOTAL .....	9	495	114	24	11	653 572	37	1,786	438	110	75	2,446 2,278

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1954 and 1955

	TRADE				MANUFACTURES				
	Total	General Stores	Grocery	Clothing	Total	Lumber & Manu- factures	Fur and Leather	Iron and Steel	Vegetable Foods
<b>1954</b>									
January .....	86	7	6	13	39	9	4	-	3
February .....	104	11	8	8	43	2	2	3	4
March .....	109	11	13	15	45	9	3	2	5
April .....	88	10	10	8	34	5	2	2	3
May .....	61	9	6	6	33	4	4	3	3
June .....	85	7	6	11	33	4	1	3	4
July .....	53	2	8	8	29	2	2	-	3
August .....	68	7	7	8	33	4	2	3	4
September .....	70	3	4	11	29	2	3	1	2
October .....	86	8	10	13	32	3	3	-	5
November .....	81	10	6	6	31	7	1	2	4
December .....	82	7	4	9	35	5	4	-	4
<b>1955</b>									
January .....	90	6	8	12	40	3	5	-	5
February .....	78	6	6	9	40	5	5	2	4
March .....	85	9	7	9	37	3	4	2	5
April .....	88	5	8	11	33	4	4	-	4
May .....	87	9	9	10	30	4	3	4	3
June .....	68	2	11	13	19	4	-	4	-
July .....	50	2	4	6	16	3	-	2	1
August .....	57	10	5	5	20	5	-	3	2
September .....	66	2	6	9	11	3	1	1	-
October .....	67	3	5	7	23	4	-	-	2
November .....	70	5	11	11	21	3	-	5	2
December .....	72	1	3	7	16	3	1	4	1

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

1954 and 1955

	Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
<u>1954</u>									
January .....	2	4	5	10	7	3	31	9	196
February .....	4	3	2	14	6	6	42	14	238
March .....	6	4	1	14	5	5	37	20	246
April .....	3	1	2	8	6	4	37	9	192
May .....	5	-	-	9	7	1	25	5	146
June .....	4	1	-	12	8	4	37	17	201
July .....	3	-	-	11	4	3	38	11	152
August .....	4	-	1	10	3	3	31	12	165
September .....	5	1	1	10	5	2	32	15	170
October .....	3	-	2	12	7	3	29	16	190
November .....	4	2	1	15	6	4	34	13	191
December .....	5	1	-	10	3	3	35	17	191
<u>1955</u>									
January .....	6	1	1	13	4	9	35	21	220
February .....	4	1	1	13	6	7	39	22	211
March .....	7	-	2	18	6	6	40	29	230
April .....	4	1	1	9	4	3	39	12	194
May .....	5	1	1	13	5	4	38	15	199
June .....	5	1	-	20	20	1	39	30	203
July .....	4	-	1	28	16	2	27	17	161
August .....	3	-	-	26	12	2	31	26	177
September .....	5	1	-	31	17	3	39	25	198
October .....	1	2	-	36	7	2	49	30	217
November .....	3	-	-	32	11	4	46	34	221
December .....	5	-	1	46	11	-	30	34	215

TABLE 7. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1955

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January ...	-	-	3	1	155	44	2	3	6	6	220
February ..	-	-	1	2	154	35	6	3	4	6	211
March .....	2	-	-	-	166	43	6	3	2	8	230
April .....	-	1	1	4	131	41	2	4	3	7	194
May .....	-	-	-	1	138	39	2	4	7	8	199
June .....	1	-	1	1	143	40	-	4	5	8	203
July .....	1	-	-	3	121	24	1	2	3	6	161
August ....	1	1	-	1	135	25	-	4	-	10	177
September .	1	-	1	-	148	33	3	3	4	5	198
October ...	1	-	-	1	164	41	1	2	3	4	217
November ..	1	-	1	1	162	39	3	5	5	4	221
December ..	1	1	1	1	169	34	1	2	2	3	215

TABLE 8. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED  
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 1955 WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Newfoundland .....	3	22,590	44,097
Prince Edward Island .....	1	6,080	15,536
Nova Scotia .....	2	17,659	32,023
New Brunswick .....	3	3,258	17,771
Quebec .....	495	4,623,658	10,499,787
Ontario .....	114	3,991,306	6,445,924
Manitoba .....	5	128,863	220,168
Saskatchewan .....	9	236,802	250,036
Alberta .....	10	86,358	149,919
British Columbia .....	11	884,618	1,107,160
Comparative Total for the Fourth Quarter - 1955 .....	653	10,001,192	18,782,421
1954 .....	572	8,265,711	10,485,144
1953 .....	530	6,299,606	8,875,350
1952 .....	345	4,884,095	7,227,541
1951 .....	364	4,977,665	6,958,368
1950 .....	334	4,199,296	6,632,430

TABLE 9. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, BY QUARTERS, 1955 WITH COMPARISONS

	Mari- times	Que.	Ont.	Prai- ries	British Columbia	T O T A L			
						Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter	Second Quarter	First Quarter
Trade .....	-	13	2	-	-	15	26	36	41
Manufactures .....	-	6	1	-	-	7	14	9	11
Service .....	-	23	1	-	-	24	11	16	8
Other .....	1	102	2	-	-	105	103	25	10
Fourth Quarter ....	1	144	6	-	-	151	154	86	70
The Year 1955 .....	2	423	32	2	2				
The Year 1954 .....	-	226	31	1	2				
The Year 1953 .....	-	154	9	-	1				
The Year 1952 .....	1	155	6	-	3				
The Year 1951 .....	2	148	11	-	2				
The Year 1950 .....	-	121	9	-	2				

TABLE 10. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1955											
January .....	1	-	1	-	37	7	-	-	-	1	47
February .....	-	-	-	1	36	4	1	-	1	1	44
March .....	-	-	-	-	34	5	-	-	-	1	40
April .....	-	-	-	-	42	2	-	-	-	-	44
May .....	-	-	-	-	33	5	-	-	-	1	39
June .....	-	-	-	1	25	2	-	-	-	-	28
July .....	-	-	-	-	36	4	-	-	-	-	40
August .....	-	-	-	-	49	2	-	-	-	1	52
September .....	-	-	-	-	33	1	-	-	-	-	34
October .....	-	-	-	-	51	1	-	-	-	-	52
November .....	-	-	1	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	50
December .....	-	-	1	1	41	3	1	1	-	-	48









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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the first quarter of 1956, there were 709 failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, as compared with 661 bankruptcies during the same period of 1955. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$19,071,000, more than 28 per cent above the 1955 first quarter total of \$14,858,000. The average value of liabilities per failure was just below \$26,898, appreciably higher than last year's first quarter average of \$22,479.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

The number of bankruptcies in the trade sector, where a high proportion of business mortalities usually occurs, dropped substantially from 253 in the first quarter of 1955 to 201. Failures in the general store, clothing, fish and meat and electrical apparatus fields all fell off in this comparison. Bankruptcies of manufacturing establishments declined to 60, just over half the total of 117 for the first quarter of the previous year. Service insolvencies, on the other hand, rose from 114 in the first three months of 1955 to 139. Failures in the construction sector advanced from 44 in the first quarter last year to 119.

Failures by Economic Areas

The number of bankruptcies in Quebec rose from 475 to 522 in the first quarter comparison and failures in Ontario advanced from 122 in the first quarter of 1955 to 145 in the same period of 1956. Insolvencies in the Prairie region, however, dropped from 35 in the first quarter last year to 20, while British Columbia bankruptcies declined from 20 to 14 in the same comparison. In the Atlantic Provinces, there were 8 failures in the first three months of 1956, as compared with 9 for the same period last year.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

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TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1955 AND 1956

	Total		Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures				
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures	
1953x ..	1,657	32,818	37	6	10	359	41	29	45	
1954x ..	2,278	53,142	48	17	15	416	44	31	56	
1955x ..	2,447	59,055	52	8	8	305	29	23	46	
<u>1955</u>										
Jan. ...	220	4,998	6	1	1	40	5	5	3	
Feb. ...	211	4,793	4	1	1	40	4	5	5	
Mar. ...	230	5,067	7	-	2	37	5	4	3	
Apr. ...	194	5,021	4	1	1	33	4	4	4	
May ....	199	5,832	5	1	1	30	3	3	4	
June ...	204	3,942	5	1	-	18	-	-	5	
July ...	161	2,912	4	-	1	16	1	-	3	
Aug. ...	177	3,563	3	-	-	20	2	-	5	
Sept. ..	199	3,882	5	1	-	11	-	1	3	
Oct. ...	217	4,280	1	2	-	23	2	-	4	
Nov. ...	222	6,613	3	-	-	20	2	-	3	
Dec. ...	213	8,150	5	-	1	17	1	1	4	
<u>1956</u>										
Jan. ...	225	3,969	2	-	-	16	3	-	2	
Feb. ...	227	6,453	5	2	-	24	2	2	6	
Mar. ...	257	8,649	4	1	1	20	1	1	3	
	Manufactures	Con-	Trans-	Trade				Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Classi- fied
	Iron and Steel	struc- tion	porta- tion	Total	General Stores	Grocery Stores	Clothing Stores			
1953x ..	18	124	52	650	62	61	86	30	286	103
1954x ..	19	135	67	973	92	88	116	41	408	158
1955x ..	26	286	116	882	61	85	109	44	454	292
<u>1955</u>										
Jan. ...	-	13	4	90	6	8	12	9	35	21
Feb. ...	2	13	6	78	6	6	9	7	39	22
Mar. ...	2	18	6	85	9	7	9	6	40	29
Apr. ...	-	9	4	88	5	8	11	3	39	12
May ....	4	13	5	87	9	9	10	4	38	15
June ...	3	20	17	71	2	13	13	1	40	31
July ...	2	28	16	50	2	4	6	2	27	17
Aug. ...	3	26	12	57	10	5	5	2	31	26
Sept. ..	1	31	17	67	2	6	9	3	39	25
Oct. ...	-	36	7	67	3	5	7	2	49	30
Nov. ...	5	34	11	72	6	11	12	4	47	31
Dec. ...	4	45	11	70	1	3	6	1	30	33
<u>1956</u>										
Jan. ...	3	29	19	71	5	4	9	3	52	33
Feb. ...	3	44	19	58	4	5	8	1	41	33
Mar. ...	3	46	19	72	6	12	9	1	46	47

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

x Annual totals.

**TABLE 2 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS  
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 1956, WITH COMPARISONS**

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
<b>TRADE</b>								
General Stores .....	2	5	6	2	-	15	21	29
Grocery .....	1	14	5	1	-	21	21	27
Confectionery .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	16	13
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	7
Fish and Meat .....	-	7	3	-	-	10	20	19
Boots and Shoes .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	7	8
Dry Goods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	16
Clothing .....	-	17	8	1	-	26	30	36
Furniture .....	-	8	3	-	-	11	9	13
Books and Stationery ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	9
Automobile .....	-	6	2	1	-	9	13	17
Hardware .....	-	3	4	1	1	9	9	7
Electrical Apparatus ..	1	4	7	1	1	14	19	23
Jewelry .....	-	2	2	1	-	5	12	11
Coal and Wood .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	6	11
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	2	-	-	2	7	9
Miscellaneous .....	1	52	15	3	1	72	28	44
Total Trade .....	5	125	57	11	3	201	253	299
<b>MANUFACTURES</b>								
Vegetable Foods .....	-	5	1	-	-	6	14	12
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Animal Foods .....	-	1	1	-	-	2	11	8
Fur and Leather .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	14	9
Pulp and Paper .....	-	8	-	-	-	8	4	8
Textiles .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	16	14
Clothing .....	-	5	3	-	-	8	21	19
Lumber and Manufactures	1	5	4	-	1	11	11	20
Iron and Steel .....	-	6	2	-	1	9	4	5
Non-ferrous Metals ....	-	1	1	-	-	2	2	5
Non-metallic Minerals ..	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	5
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5
Miscellaneous .....	-	4	1	-	-	5	14	17
Total Manufactures .....	1	43	14	-	2	60	117	127
<b>SERVICE</b>								
Garage .....	-	17	6	-	-	23	19	19
Other custom and repair	-	20	4	-	-	24	22	22
Personal Service .....	-	19	1	1	-	21	25	18
Restaurants .....	-	31	8	-	-	39	16	15
Professional Service ..	-	18	-	-	-	18	9	11
Recreational Service ..	-	4	-	-	-	4	9	10
Business Service .....	-	8	2	-	-	10	14	15
Total Service .....	-	117	21	1	-	139	114	110

TABLE 2 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, 1956, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
<u>OTHER</u>								
Agriculture .....	-	7	3	1	-	11	17	12
Logging, Fishing and Trapping .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	2	11
Mining .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	4	8
Construction .....	1	76	37	1	4	119	44	38
Transportation and Public Utilities ....	-	48	8	-	1	57	16	18
Finance .....	-	5	-	-	-	5	22	14
Not Classified .....	1	98	4	6	4	113	72	43
Total Other .....	2	237	53	8	9	309	177	144
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GRAND TOTAL .....	8	522	145	20	14	709	661	680

TABLE 3 - WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, FIRST QUARTER, 1956, WITH COMPARISON<sup>X</sup>

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for First Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
Trade .....	-	12	1	-	-	13	41	26
Manufactures .....	-	7	-	-	-	7	11	9
Service .....	-	34	-	-	-	34	8	16
Other .....	-	131	-	1	-	132	10	8
Total .....	-	184	1	1	-	186	70	59

X Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, FIRST QUARTER, 1956, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January .....	-	-	1	-	166	47	2	2	3	4	225
February .....	2	-	1	1	161	50	-	4	1	7	227
March .....	1	-	-	2	195	48	2	2	4	3	257
First Quarter 1956 ...	3	-	2	3	522	145	4	8	8	14	709
1955 ...	2	-	4	3	475	122	14	9	12	20	661
1954 ...	1	-	8	6	505	104	7	8	14	27	680
1953 ...	3	-	4	1	287	49	4	4	9	21	382

TABLE 5 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST QUARTER OF 1956 WITH COMPARISONS

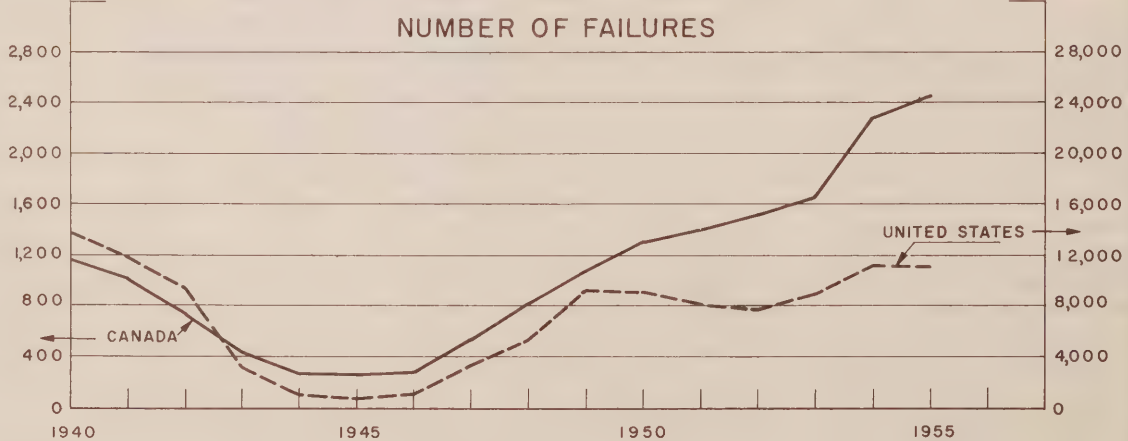
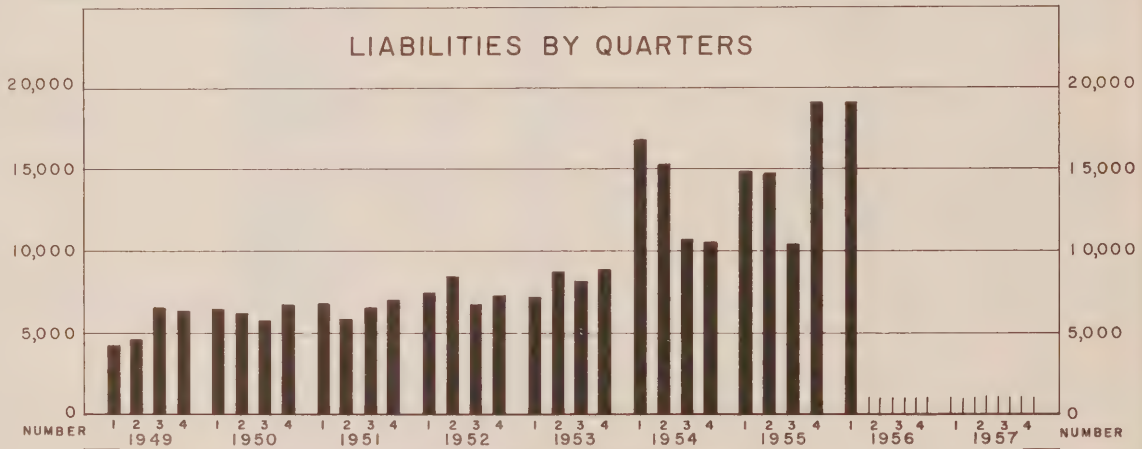
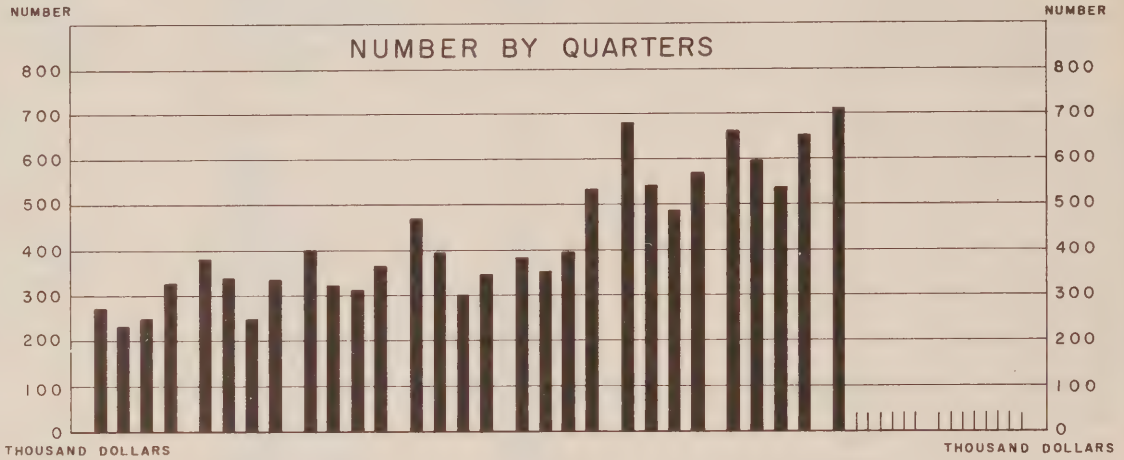
	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Newfoundland .....	3	52,669	53,893
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	2	13,715	64,612
New Brunswick .....	3	42,761	60,782
Quebec .....	522	6,401,039	9,046,652
Ontario .....	145	4,502,113	6,819,234
Manitoba .....	4	1,981,683	2,365,157
Saskatchewan .....	8	187,116	295,307
Alberta .....	8	64,720	88,384
British Columbia .....	14	92,304	276,835
Comparative Total for the			
First Quarter - 1956 .....	709	13,338,120	19,070,856
1955 .....	661	10,552,675	14,858,290
1954 .....	680	10,756,198	16,759,823
1953 .....	382	5,173,001	7,150,962
1952 .....	470	4,783,147	7,285,001
1951 .....	402	4,269,893	6,688,412
1950 .....	382	4,040,543	6,307,156
1949 .....	270	2,659,506	4,195,655
1948 .....	203	1,446,319	3,405,855
1944 .....	94	535,644	1,185,693
1939 .....	371	2,614,428	3,592,118
1932 .....	667	12,971,869	11,110,423
1929 .....	646	8,076,661	13,143,000

TABLE 6 - PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
<u>1955</u>											
January .....	1	-	1	-	37	7	-	-	-	1	47
February .....	-	-	-	1	36	4	1	-	1	1	44
March .....	-	-	-	-	34	5	-	-	-	1	40
April .....	-	-	-	-	42	2	-	-	-	-	44
May .....	-	-	-	-	33	5	-	-	-	1	39
June .....	-	-	-	1	25	2	-	-	-	-	28
July .....	-	-	-	-	36	4	-	-	-	-	40
August .....	-	-	-	-	49	2	-	-	-	1	52
September .....	-	-	-	-	33	1	-	-	-	-	34
October .....	-	-	-	-	51	1	-	-	-	-	52
November .....	-	-	1	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	50
December .....	-	-	1	1	41	3	1	1	-	-	48
<u>1956</u>											
January .....	-	-	2	-	56	-	1	-	-	-	59
February .....	-	-	1	-	60	4	-	-	-	2	67
March .....	1	-	1	-	56	4	1	-	-	1	64



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Failures in the first six months of 1956 numbered 1,404, nearly 12 per cent more than the 1,258 insolvencies recorded in the first half of last year. Total estimated liabilities over the six months period, were \$32,614,000, 10 per cent above the 1955 six months total of \$29,654,000.

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#### Failures by Industries

The number of bankruptcies in the trade sector, where a large proportion of business mortalities usually occurs, fell off from 499 in the first half of 1955 to 433 in the first half of 1956. Failures of manufacturing establishments dropped sharply from 198 to 125 in this comparison. Service bankruptcies, however, advanced from 231 in the first six months of last year to 252. Construction insolvencies rose steeply from 86 in the first half of 1955 to 219.

#### Failures by Economic Areas

The number of failures in central Canada rose during the first half of 1956 as compared with the same period of the previous year. Bankruptcies in Quebec increased from 888 to 1,024 in this comparison, with insolvencies in Ontario advancing from 242 to 276. On the other hand, failures in Eastern and Western Canada fell off as compared with the first six months of 1955, with insolvencies in the Prairie region declining from 66 to 52, and in British Columbia from 43 to 37. Failures in the Atlantic region dropped from 19 to 15 in the same comparison.

#### Insolvency

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Nov. ...	223r	6,685r	3	-	-	20	2	-	3	
Dec. ...	213	8,161r	5	-	1	17	1	1	4	
1956										
Jan. ...	225	3,967r	2	-	-	16	3	-	2	
Feb. ...	227	6,422r	5	2	-	24	2	2	6	
Mar. ...	265r	9,049	4	1	1	21r	1	1	3	
Apr. ...	241	5,327	2	1	-	22	3	1	5	
May ....	229	3,824	2	2	-	19	1	3	3	
June ...	217	4,024	2	-	-	23	4	-	1	
	Manufactures		Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Trade			Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Classi- fied
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May ....	4	13	5	87	9	9	10	4	38	15
June ...	3	20	17	71	2	13	13	1	40	31
July ...	2	28	16	50	2	4	6	2	27	17
Aug. ...	3	26	12	57	10	5	5	2	31	26
Sept. ..	1	31	17	67	2	6	9	3	39	25
Oct. ...	-	36	7	67	3	5	7	2	49	30
Nov. ...	5	35r	11	72	6	11	12	4	47	31
Dec. ...	4	45	11	70	1	3	6	1	30	33
1956										
Jan. ...	3	29	19	71	5	4	9	3	52	33
Feb. ...	3	44	19	58	4	5	8	1	41	33
Mar. ...	4r	46	19	77r	6	13r	11r	1	49r	46r
Apr. ...	4	35	11	93	8	9	4	2	41	34
May ....	3	40	19	81	6	9	4	2	33	31
June ...	5	25	16	63	6	3	4	1	36	51

Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included.

x Annual totals

Table 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS  
FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1956, WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
<u>TRADE</u>								
General Stores .....	2	11	2	3	3	20	16	26
Grocery .....	1	16	3	-	-	21	30r	22
Confectionery .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	10	14
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	6r	5
Fish and Meat .....	-	5	4	-	-	9	15	15
Boots and Shoes .....	-	5	-	-	-	5	10	7
Dry Goods .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	13	12
Clothing .....	-	9	3	-	-	12	34	28
Furniture .....	-	8	4	2	2	16	11r	11
Books and Stationery ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	7r	9
Automobile .....	-	2	5	2	-	9	11	13
Hardware .....	-	3	6	3	1	13	10	6
Electrical Apparatus ..	-	13	6	3	5	27	19r	13
Jewelry .....	-	4	2	1	-	7	11r	5
Coal and Wood .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	6
Drugs and Chemicals ...	1	5	-	1	-	7	4	6
Miscellaneous .....	1	61	18	2	-	82	37r	36
Total Trade .....	5	151	53	17	11	237	246	234
<u>MANUFACTURES</u>								
Vegetable Foods .....	1	3	3	1	-	8	7	10
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Animal Foods .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	9
Fur and Leather .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	7	7
Pulp and Paper .....	-	7	2	-	-	9	7	9
Textiles .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	14	11
Clothing .....	-	4	2	1	-	7	10	13
Lumber and Manufactures	-	5	3	-	1	9	13r	14
Iron and Steel .....	-	7	4	-	1	12	7r	8
Non-ferrous Metals ...	-	1	3	-	-	4	1	5
Non-metallic Minerals .	-	2	1	-	1	4	1	3
Drugs and Chemicals ...	-	2	-	-	-	2	7	-
Miscellaneous .....	-	1	2	-	-	3	3r	11
Total Manufactures .....	1	38	20	2	3	64	81	100
<u>SERVICE</u>								
Garage .....	-	18	4	3	1	26	16	17
Other custom and repair	-	14	-	-	-	14	21r	26
Personal Service .....	-	18	5	1	1	25	20r	19
Restaurants .....	-	20	6	2	-	28	24	13
Professional Service ...	-	6	-	-	-	6	12	11
Recreational Service ...	-	4	1	-	-	5	8	5
Business Service .....	-	5	1	-	-	6	16	10
Total Service .....	-	85	17	6	2	110	117r	101

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR  
THE SECOND QUARTER, 1956, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
<u>OTHER</u>								
Agriculture .....	-	6	-	-	-	6	14	12
Logging, Fishing and Trapping .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	3	2
Mining .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Construction .....	-	66	22	6	6	100	42r	30
Transportation and Public Utilities ...	1	38	7	-	-	46	26r	22
Finance .....	-	5	-	-	-	5	8	8
Not Classified .....	-	108	6	1	1	116	58r	28
Total Other .....	1	225	36	7	7	276	153r	104
GRAND TOTAL .....	7	499	126	32	23	687	597r	539

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, SECOND QUARTER, 1956, WITH COMPARISONS<sup>X</sup>

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Second Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
Trade .....	-	23	-	-	-	23	36	26
Manufactures .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	9	14
Service .....	-	33	2	-	-	35	16	16
Other .....	-	121	3	-	-	124	25	8
Total .....	-	181	5	-	-	186	86	64

X Data included in Tables 1, 2, 4, and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCE, SECOND QUARTER, 1956, WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January .....	-	-	1	-	166	47	2	2	3	4	225
February .....	2	-	1	1	161	50	-	4	1	7	227
March .....	1	-	-	2	198	53	2	2	4	3	265
April .....	2	-	1	-	172	48	4	2	5	7	241
May .....	-	-	-	1	178	31	2	4	4	9	229
June .....	-	-	-	3	149	47	2	4	5	7	217
Six months' total 1956	5	-	3	7	1,024	276	12	18	22	37	1,404
Six months' total 1955	3	1	6r	9	888r	242	18	21r	27	43r	1,258r
Six months' total 1954	1	2	13	8	902	194	14	15	24	46	1,219

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SECOND QUARTER OF 1956, WITH COMPARISONS

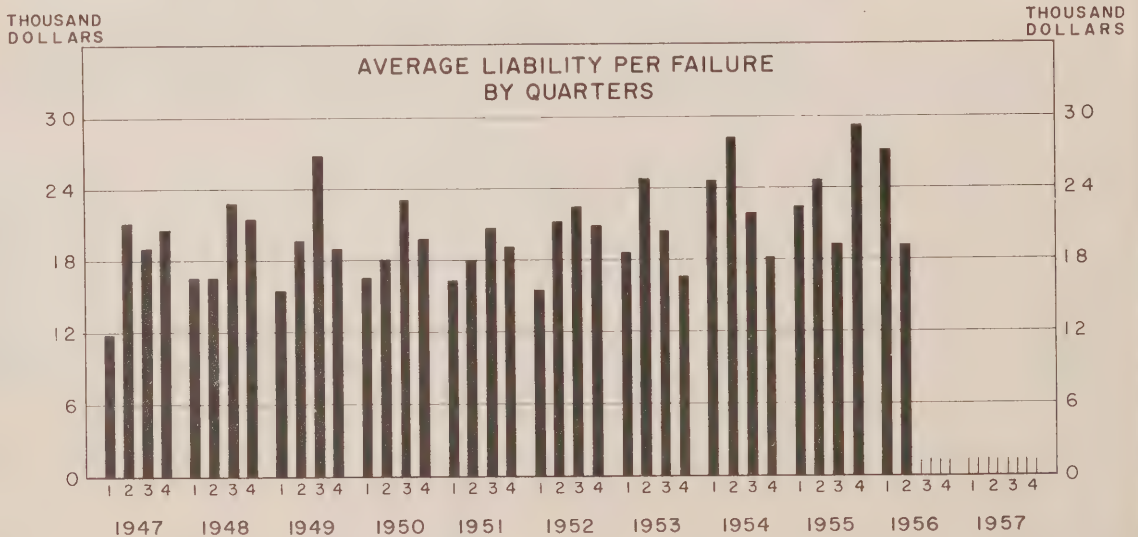
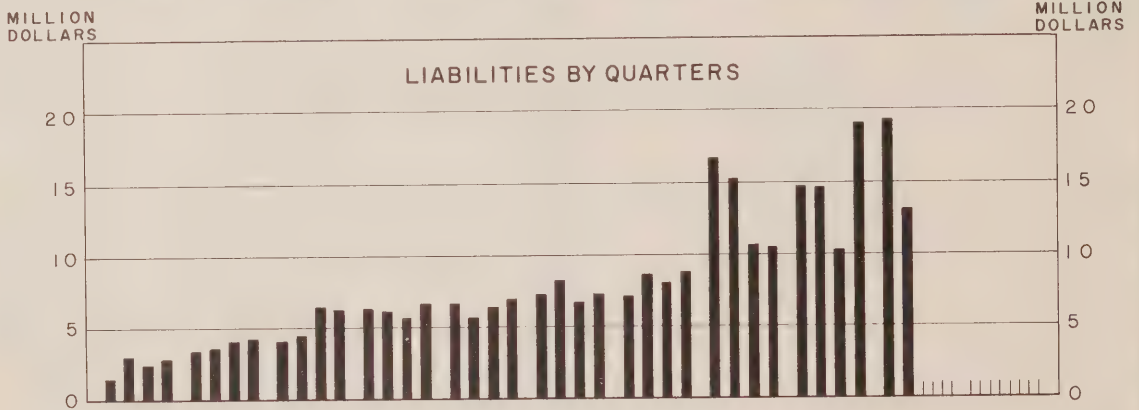
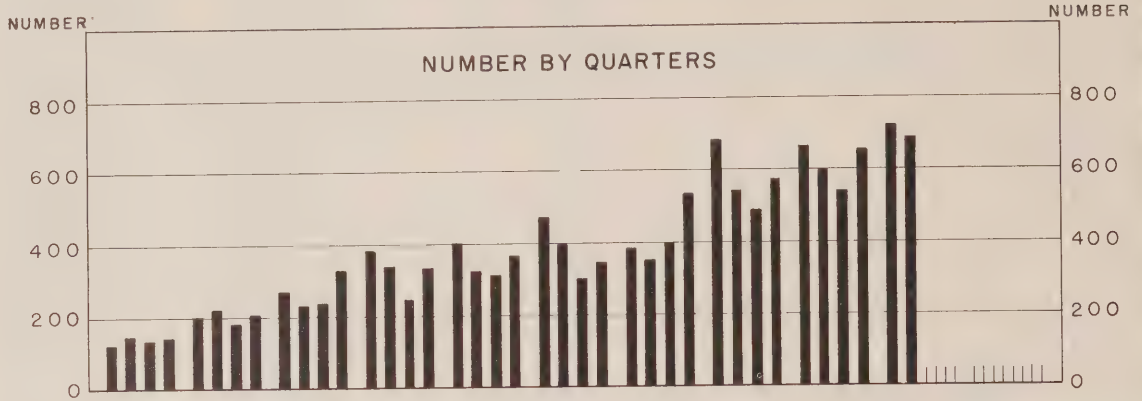
	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland .....	2	59,602	77,125
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	1	128,363	170,520
New Brunswick .....	4	45,248	71,162
Quebec .....	499	2,807,557	6,842,634
Ontario .....	126	2,098,635	3,789,278
Manitoba .....	8	181,774	239,745
Saskatchewan .....	10	199,748	245,528
Alberta .....	14	452,074	739,929
British Columbia .....	23	664,983	998,878
Comparative Total for the			
Second Quarter - 1956 .....	687	6,637,984	13,174,799
1955 .....	597 <sup>r</sup>	10,035,975 <sup>r</sup>	14,795,742 <sup>r</sup>
1954 .....	539	11,084,140	15,208,000
1953 .....	351	5,443,776	8,716,863
1952 .....	394	5,173,001	8,384,104
1951 .....	321	4,389,792	5,796,007
1950 .....	338	4,529,106	6,135,180
1949 .....	230	3,661,513	4,529,840
1948 .....	222	2,570,683	3,716,852
1944 .....	61	400,925	756,584
1939 .....	346	2,788,143	4,189,660
1932 .....	573	11,596,713	16,108,434
1929 .....	507	7,534,078	7,882,774

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1955											
April .....	-	-	-	-	42	2	-	-	-	-	44
May .....	-	-	-	-	33	5	-	-	-	1	39
June .....	-	-	-	1	25	2	-	-	-	-	28
July .....	-	-	-	-	36	4	-	-	-	-	40
August .....	-	-	-	-	49	2	-	-	-	1	52
September .....	-	-	-	-	33	1	-	-	-	-	34
October .....	-	-	-	-	51	1	-	-	-	-	52
November .....	-	-	1	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	50
December .....	-	-	1	1	41	3	1	1	-	-	48
1956											
January .....	-	-	2	-	56	-	1	-	-	-	59
February .....	-	-	1	-	60	4	-	-	-	2	67
March .....	1	-	1	-	56	4	1	-	-	1	64
April .....	1	-	-	-	54	6	1	-	-	1	63
May .....	-	-	-	-	70	4	-	-	-	-	74
June .....	-	-	-	-	59	6	-	-	-	-	65



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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the third quarter of 1956, there were 693 failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, 29 per cent above last year's third quarter total of 537. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$13,555,000, as compared with \$10,357,000 in the third quarter of 1955, an advance of nearly 31 per cent. The average value of liabilities per failure was \$19,560, slightly higher than the average of \$19,290 for the third quarter of the previous year.

Failures in the first nine months of 1956 numbered 2,103, over 17 per cent higher than the 1,795 insolvencies recorded in the first nine months of 1955. Total estimates of liabilities were \$46,340,000, nearly 16 per cent above the corresponding total of \$40,011,000 in the previous year.

Owing to changes in the administration of bankruptcies as introduced by the Bankruptcy Act of 1949, the data since July 1950 are not comparable with preceding periods. In the third part of the Act, provision is made for proposals from insolvent persons. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

Failures by Industries

The number of bankruptcies in the trade sector dropped from 673 in the first nine months of 1955 to 644. Failures of manufacturing establishments declined by 25 per cent in the nine month comparison, from 245 to 181. Insolvencies in the construction field, however, rose to 341 in the first three quarters of 1956, double the corresponding 1955 figure of 171. Service bankruptcies rose from 328 to 374 in the same comparison.

Failures by Economic Areas

The number of failures in Quebec province rose from 1,294 in the first nine months of 1955 to 1,584. Insolvencies in Ontario advanced from 322 to 371 in this comparison, while bankruptcies in the Atlantic Provinces rose slightly from 28 to 29. In Western Canada, however, the number of failures declined as compared with the first nine months of 1955. Insolvencies in the Prairie region dropped from 86 to 73, and in British Columbia from 65 to 46.

Insolvency

It must be emphasized that insolvencies can occur through other means than the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts. Relevant legislation includes the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only.

Prepared in the Business Statistics Section, Research and Development Division.



TABLE 1 - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1955 AND 1956

	Total		Agri- cul- ture	Logging Fishing Trapping	Min- ing	Manufactures				
	Number	Liabilities in Thousand Dollars				Total	Vege- table Foods	Fur and Leather	Lumber & Manu- factures	
1953x ..	1,657	32,818	37	6	10	359	41	29	45	
1954x ..	2,278	53,142	48	17	15	416	44	31	56	
1955x ..	2,448	59,138	52	8	8	305	29	23	46	
1955										
July ...	161	2,912	4	-	1	16	1	-	3	
Aug. ...	177	3,563	3	-	-	20	2	-	5	
Sept. ...	199	3,882	5	1	-	11	-	1	3	
Oct. ...	217	4,280	1	2	-	23	2	-	4	
Nov. ...	223	6,685	3	-	-	20	2	-	3	
Dec. ...	213	8,161	5	-	1	17	1	1	4	
1956										
Jan. ...	225	3,967	2	-	-	16	3	-	2	
Feb. ...	227	6,422	5	2	-	24	2	2	6	
Mar. ...	265	9,049	4	1	1	21	1	1	3	
Apr. ...	241	5,327	2	1	-	22	3	1	5	
May ....	229	3,824	2	2	-	19	1	3	3	
June ...	223r	4,195r	3r	-	-	23	4	-	1	
July ...	241	4,454	8	-	1	25	4	2	5	
Aug. ...	240	5,226	3	2	-	19	1	1	5	
Sept. ...	212	3,875	2	1	-	12	2	1	4	
	Manufactures		Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Trade			Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Classi- fied
	Iron and Steel				Total	General Stores	Grocery Stores			
1953x ..	18	124	52	650	62	61	86	30	286	103
1954x ..	19	135	67	973	92	88	116	41	408	158
1955x ..	26	287	116	882	61	85	109	44	454	292
1955										
July ...	2	28	16	50	2	4	6	2	27	17
Aug. ...	3	26	12	57	10	5	5	2	31	26
Sept. ...	1	31	17	67	2	6	9	3	39	25
Oct. ...	-	36	7	67	3	5	7	2	49	30
Nov. ...	5	35	11	72	6	11	12	4	47	31
Dec. ...	4	45	11	70	1	3	6	1	30	33
1956										
Jan. ....	3	29	19	71	5	4	9	3	52	33
Feb. ...	3	44	19	58	4	5	8	1	41	33
Mar. ...	4	46	19	77	6	13	11	1	49	46
Apr. ...	4	35	11	93	8	9	4	2	41	34
May ....	3	40	19	81	6	9	4	2	33	31
June ...	5	26r	15r	65r	6	4	4	1	36	54r
July ...	2	44	18	70	3	10	10	1	43	31
Aug. ...	1	38	23	62	5	4	7	1	47	45
Sept. ...	1	39	12	67	7	7	6	2	32	45

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Note: As of July, 1950, proposals are not included

x Annual totals.

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS  
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER 1956 WITH COMPARISONS

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
<u>TRADE</u>								
General Stores .....	2	8	2	3	-	15	14	12
Grocery .....	-	15	5	1	-	21	15r	19
Confectionery .....	-	5	1	-	-	6	8	12
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	3
Fish and Meat .....	-	5	3	-	-	8	11	10
Boots and Shoes .....	-	-	2	-	-	2	6	7
Dry Goods .....	1	1	1	-	-	3	1	10
Clothing .....	-	14	6	3	-	23	20	24
Furniture .....	-	10	1	-	-	11	9	10
Books and Stationery ....	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	14
Automobile .....	1	1	2	-	-	4	11	12
Hardware .....	-	2	2	3	-	7	7r	4
Electrical Apparatus.....	-	2	3	1	2	8	9r	14
Jewellery .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	8
Coal and Wood .....	1	6	-	-	-	7	4	8
Drugs and Chemicals .....	-	3	1	-	-	4	3	10
Miscellaneous .....	-	71	4	-	-	75	52	14
otal Trade .....	5	147	34	11	2	199	174r	191
<u>MANUFACTURERS</u>								
Vegetable Foods .....	-	5	1	1	-	7	3	9
Drink and Tobacco .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	3
Animal Foods .....	-	-	3	-	-	3	1	9
Fur and Leather .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	1	7
Pulp and Paper .....	-	5	-	-	-	5	8	3
Textiles .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	10
Clothing .....	-	5	2	-	-	7	9r	15
Lumber and Manufacturers.	2	10	-	-	2	14	11r	7
Iron and Steel .....	-	3	1	-	-	4	6	4
Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	2	2	-	-	4	-	7
Non-metallic Minerals ...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
Drugs and Chemicals .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Miscellaneous .....	-	5	1	-	-	6	1	14
otal Manufactures .....	2	41	10	1	2	56	47	91
<u>SERVICE</u>								
Garage .....	1	16	3	-	-	20	13r	18
Other custom and repair .	1	24	5	-	-	30	17r	21
Personal Service .....	-	16	4	1	-	21	23r	19
Restaurants .....	-	26	5	2	-	33	23	18
Professional Service ....	-	12	-	-	-	12	8	8
Recreational Service ....	-	2	1	-	-	3	7	7
Business Service .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	6	8
otal Service .....	2	98	19	3	-	122	97r	99

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 1956, WITH COMPARISONS - Concluded

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
OTHER								
Agriculture .....	-	12	1	-	-	13	12	12
Logging, Fishing and Trapping .....	-	2	-	-	1	3	1	1
Mining .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2
Construction .....	2	86	28	3	2	121	85r	30
Transportation and Public Utilities ....	-	51	1	1	-	53	45	11
Finance .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	7r	9
Not Classified .....	3	113	2	2	1	121	68r	41
Total Other .....	5	269	32	6	4	316	219r	106
GRAND TOTAL .....	14	555	95	21	8	693	537r	487

TABLE 3. WAGE-EARNER FAILURES, THIRD QUARTER, 1956 WITH COMPARISONS<sup>X</sup>

	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Total for Third Quarter		
						1956	1955	1954
Trade .....	-	22	-	-	-	22	26	29
Manufactures .....	-	7	-	-	-	7	14	13
Service .....	-	25	-	-	-	25	11	16
Other .....	1	156	1	-	1	159	102	8
Total .....	1	210	1	-	1	213	153	66

X data included in Tables 1, 2, 4 and 5.

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCE, THIRD QUARTER, 1956 WITH COMPARISONS

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January .....	-	-	1	-	166	47	2	2	3	4	225
February .....	2	-	1	1	161	50	-	4	1	7	227
March .....	1	-	-	2	198	53	2	2	4	3	265
April .....	2	-	1	-	172	48	4	2	5	7	241
May .....	-	-	-	1	178	31	2	4	4	9	229
June .....	-	-	-	3	154r	47	2	4	5	8r	223r
July .....	1	-	1	1	197	33	1	3	2	2	241
August .....	2	-	1	3	192	32	3	2	2	3	240
September .....	1	2	-	2	166	30	1	1	6	3	212
Nine months' total 1956 9	2	5	13	1,584	371	17	24	32	46		2,103
Nine months' total 1955 6	2	7r	13	1,294r	322	22	30r	34	65r		1,795r
Nine months' total 1954 2	2	14	17	1,232	307	17	24	32	59		1,706

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TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED  
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THIRD QUARTER OF 1956, WITH COMPARISONS

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets \$	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities \$
Newfoundland .....	4	323,289	502,498
Prince Edward Island .....	2	..	..
Nova Scotia .....	2	160,052	283,691
New Brunswick .....	6	132,954	178,356
Quebec .....	555	3,408,192	8,473,318
Ontario .....	95	1,659,545	2,996,767
Manitoba .....	5	23,034	86,991
Saskatchewan .....	6	254,264	293,111
Alberta .....	10	100,704	189,110
British Columbia .....	8	287,597	550,730
Comparative Total for the Third Quarter -			
1956 .....	693	6,349,631	13,554,572
1955 .....	537r	5,201,472r	10,357,301r
1954 .....	487	7,688,396	10,688,079
1953 .....	394	4,982,966	8,074,795
1952 .....	300	4,263,762	6,750,173
1951 .....	312	4,489,901	6,469,772
1950 .....	248	4,399,938	5,798,161
1949 .....	239	5,150,543	6,418,224
1948 .....	181	2,582,402	4,139,130
1944 .....	57	373,165	797,283
1939 .....	343	3,206,118	3,789,520
1932 .....	556	6,841,455	8,791,501
1929 .....	437	7,066,742	9,315,961

TABLE 6. PROPOSALS AS PER BANKRUPTCY ACT, PART 3

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
1955											
April .....	-	-	-	-	42	2	-	-	-	-	44
May .....	-	-	-	-	33	5	-	-	-	1	39
June .....	-	-	-	1	25	2	-	-	-	-	28
July .....	-	-	-	-	36	4	-	-	-	-	40
August .....	-	-	-	-	49	2	-	-	-	1	52
September .....	-	-	-	-	33	1	-	-	-	-	34
October .....	-	-	-	-	51	1	-	-	-	-	52
November .....	-	-	1	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	50
December .....	-	-	1	1	41	3	1	1	-	-	48
1956											
January .....	-	-	2	-	56	-	1	-	-	-	59
February .....	-	-	1	-	60	4	-	-	-	2	67
March .....	1	-	1	-	56	4	1	-	-	1	64
April .....	1	-	-	-	54	6	1	-	-	1	63
May .....	-	-	-	-	70	4	-	-	-	-	74
June .....	-	-	-	-	59	6	-	-	-	-	65
July .....	-	-	-	-	60	2	-	-	-	-	62
August .....	1	-	-	-	44	2	-	-	-	-	47
September .....	-	-	-	-	49	1	-	-	-	-	50



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### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

**Revised Series:** A major revision in the compilation and the presentation of commercial failures statistics has been effected and the data contained in this report are not comparable with those in earlier publications. In order to maintain some continuity, the revision was extended back to January, 1955, but data prior to that date cannot be compared directly with the revised series. Differences, together with suggestions as to means of linking the old and the revised series at the total level are outlined below.

**Coverage:** The coverage of the revised series has been limited to business failures only. Prior to the revision, all failures reported under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts were contained in the main tables of this report. These tables will now exclude failures of individuals who do not operate businesses such as wage-earners, salesmen, executive personnel etc; individual owner-operators of small businesses, however, are still included, such as filling station operators, agents, cobblers, taxi owners, grocers, farmers, etc. A large number of wage-earner failures was formerly assigned to the "not classified" category in previous reports, as information as to the proper classification of these failures was often not reported. Relatively few business insolvencies are unclassified in the revised series.

As in the past, statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only. Insolvencies can occur through other legislation, such as the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Actually, very few failures occur through the Winding Up Act, and the great majority of the failures reported in this series is processed under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act.

**Classification:** Whereas formerly failures statistics were classified largely on the basis of the 1931 Census classification system, the new series is based on the Standard Industrial Classification of Industries. Comparability of several groups and components are affected. Among the major changes are the following: garages and filling stations, both formerly classified to the Service group are now assigned to manufacture of transportation

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equipment (repair garages) and to trade (filling stations); establishments engaged in repairs such as boot and shoe repairs, furniture upholstery and repair, jewellery repairs, radio and electrical appliances repairs, which were formerly assigned to "custom and repair" in the Service group, are now classified as per S.I.C. to their appropriate manufacturing industries; restaurants, formerly shown separately under the Service industries are now included in Personal Service.

Presentation: Heretofore, data on estimated liabilities had been shown only at the total provincial level. They are now compiled for individual industries by months and by provinces. Also, in Table 4, business failures are classified by major industries and selected provinces according to size of liabilities. This will permit analysis of the varying size of insolvent firms in different industries and areas. Finally, Table 5 presents data on average estimated liability per failure by months, areas and major industries.

Relation to Old Series: The changes in coverage and classification outlined above are such that comparison of the new series with that contained in earlier reports for the period prior to 1955 is limited. The industry sub-totals as now compiled are no longer comparable. At the total level, however, the number of business failures reported in the main tables for Canada and economic areas can be added to the number of wage-earner failures that are shown in Table 6 for the same categories to derive totals comparable with those contained in previous publications. Total liabilities are not comparable as liabilities of wage-earners have been excluded in the new series. As regularly noted in earlier reports, in the Bankruptcy Act of 1949 provision was made for proposals from insolvent persons or businesses. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. This legislation affected the comparability of failures statistics prior to 1950. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals submitted will continue to be shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

### RECENT TRENDS

During 1956, the total number of business insolvencies (revised basis) recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts rose to 1,966 as compared with 1,795 in 1955, an increase of 9.5 per cent. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$61,230,000, an advance of nearly 14 per cent over the previous year. Average liability per failure was thus nearly 4 per cent higher in 1956 than in 1955.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past (under the old system of classification) the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector. In the two-year comparison, however, bankruptcies of all trading establishments rose only slightly from 772 in 1955 to 781 in 1956. Insolvencies of furniture, appliances and radio stores rose substantially, while bankruptcies of clothing establishments fell off, and food store failures were almost unchanged. Insolvencies of construction establishments increased by more than 20%, from 309 in 1955

to 375, failures of both "general" and "special" contractors showing marked advances. Failures of manufacturers increased from 290 to 341 in 1956; the greatest number occurred in the iron and steel and transportation equipment industries (including repair garages) which recorded a gain of 12 per cent over 1955. Failures in the Service sector declined slightly while the number of defaulting transportation businesses rose from 68 to 83.

It is noted that most of the increase of \$7.5 million in total estimated liabilities was accounted for by the gain in bankrupt contractors' liabilities which rose from \$9.7 million in 1955 to \$16.8 million last year; moderate gains and declines in the amount of liabilities of the other important industry sectors were largely off-setting.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

In 1956, the greatest number of failures occurred in Quebec where 1,265 businesses were declared bankrupt, compared with 1,180 in the previous year; estimated liabilities in that province rose more moderately from \$28.7 million to \$29.6 million in the same comparison so that the average liability per failure declined from \$24,400 to \$20,800. By contrast, Ontario bankruptcies increased sharply from 406 to 507 and estimated liabilities showed an even greater relative advance; as a result the average liability per failure rose from \$40,100 to \$53,400. Insolvencies in each of the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia showed declines while a fractional increase was recorded in the Atlantic Provinces.

#### Average Liability per Failure

The period covered by Table 5 is too short to draw any long term conclusions about the size of failures by areas and industries. However, in both 1955 and 1956, the average liability in Quebec was well below the Canadian average. By contrast, the averages in Ontario, British Columbia and the Atlantic Provinces were substantially higher in both years. In terms of industries, the averages in manufactures and construction were well above those in trade and services. The average liability in the construction industry showed a marked increase from \$31,200 in 1955 to \$44,700 in 1956, while the average for manufactures declined from \$50,600 to \$44,200 in the same comparison.

#### Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 show that the greatest number of failures in 1955 and 1956 occurred in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 range of liabilities. In 1956, for the total and for each of the major industry groupings, the number of insolvencies under \$5,000 declined compared with the previous year, while the number involving greater liabilities showed an increase. In the Province of Quebec the number of failures under \$5,000 during the past two years constituted about 25 per cent of the provincial total, whereas in Ontario, the number of small bankruptcies accounted for only 11 per cent of the total.

Table 1 - Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter, and Year 1956 with Comparisons

	THE FOURTH QUARTER								THE YEAR				
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prairie Provinces	B.C.	Total Fourth Quarter				Total			
						Number		Liabilities		Number		Liabilities	
						1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
						- Number -		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000
AGRICULTURE .....	-	10	3	-	-	13	9	153	63	45	59	597	613
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING ....	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	20	17	10	3	190	29
MINING .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	56	122	3	4	81	528
MANUFACTURES													
Foods and Beverages .....	1	6	3	-	-	10	5	423	51	37	15	1,466	207
Textiles .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	524	2	11	57	1,105
Clothing .....	-	7	-	-	-	7	10	84	3,469	42	53	1,054	4,672
Wood Products .....	-	10	1	-	-	11	15	187	1,369	49	50	2,922	2,665
Paper Products & Printing													
Trades .....	-	9	2	-	-	11	1	270	14	27	13	775	221
Iron & Steel & Transportation													
Equipment .....	-	14	11	1	-	26	35	551	2,424	110	98	3,472	3,886
Electrical Apparatus &													
Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	4	3	-	1	8	5	102	127	34	13	3,418	291
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	26	2	6	36	361
Other Industries .....	-	5	3	1	-	9	12	527	507	38	31	1,877	1,276
Total Manufactures .....	1	55	23	2	1	82	87	2,144	8,510	341	290	15,078	14,684
CONSTRUCTION													
General Contractors .....	1	34	25	2	2	64	57	5,773	2,924	187	148	10,457	6,731
Special Trade Contractors .....	-	25	18	4	1	48	42	1,214	604	188	161	6,314	2,921
Total Construction .....	1	59	43	6	3	112	99	6,987	3,528	375	309	16,772	9,651
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	1	14	4	2	3	24	15	417	574	83	68	1,035	1,408
TRADE													
Food .....	1	29	16	1	3	50	43	917	780	174	175	3,047	4,172
General Merchandise .....	-	9	-	1	1	11	11	208	155	60	43	1,509	1,337
Automotive Products .....	1	6	8	2	-	17	13	879	803	40	41	1,679	2,707
Filling Stations .....	-	4	3	2	-	9	3	52	31	25	24	203	359
Clothing .....	-	17	11	1	1	30	25	408	478	93	106	1,377	2,670
Shoes .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	43	8	17	226	255
Hardware & Building													
Materials .....	1	8	3	-	-	12	16	377	457	57	54	1,826	2,311
Furniture, Appliances & Radios.	2	17	12	5	-	36	14	1,534	436	125	93	5,504	2,981
Fuel .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	3	66	92	15	12	286	347
Drugs .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	4	50	75	13	10	230	146
Jewellery .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	28	74	15	27	272	569
Other Trades .....	-	32	6	-	-	38	44	736	821	156	170	4,297	3,696
Total Trade .....	5	127	61	12	5	210	185	5,256	4,244	781	772	20,453	21,551
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	1	11	2	-	1	15	5	654	56	28	14	1,042	205
SERVICE													
Community Service .....	-	6	-	1	-	7	1	64	11	16	10	907	91
Recreational Service .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	4	53	50	15	15	592	357
Business Service .....	-	5	3	1	-	9	7	126	101	23	32	766	485
Personal Service .....	1	32	9	2	-	44	58	754	856	190	193	2,686	3,708
Total Service .....	1	45	13	4	-	63	70	997	1,018	244	250	4,951	4,641
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	17	3	1	1	22	8	375	306	56	26	1,030	466
TOTAL .....	10	340	152	27	14	543	480	17,058	18,439	1,966	1,795	61,230	53,776

Table 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
955								
January .....	170	4,963	10	72	25	688	1	31
February .....	163	3,928	6	73	17	275	-	-
March .....	177	4,023	9	130	39	868	8	151
April .....	145	5,222	1	18	32	1,504	8	492
May .....	154	3,787	6	65	20	543	5	122
June .....	139	3,841	5	65	19	699	4	240
July .....	107	2,682	5	58	16	297	4	118
August .....	113	3,306	3	45	20	515	4	123
September .....	147	3,586	5	22	15	785	1	19
October .....	156	4,008	1	5	26	1,335	6	621
November .....	168	6,327	2	25	36	3,088	4	408
December .....	156	8,104	6	32	25	4,087	5	340
956								
January .....	166	3,825	2	21	26	1,386	2	8
February .....	145	6,150	6	130	34	3,797	6	1,081
March .....	180	8,893	3	70	29	2,317	4	211
April .....	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262
May .....	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12
June .....	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375
July .....	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79
August .....	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330
September .....	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377
October .....	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58
November .....	185	5,718	5	64	28	667	5	98
December .....	174	6,325	5	68	24	964	2	31
Twelve months 1955 ....	1,795	53,776	59	613	290	14,684	50	2,665
Twelve months 1956 ....	1,966	61,230	45	597	341	15,078	49	2,922
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
955								
January .....	7	89	27	828	3	67	89	3,116
February .....	10	170	31	591	7	53	75	2,548
March .....	15	230	29	807	10	131	71	1,724
April .....	9	236	16	517	5	98	64	2,091
May .....	6	214	25	1,255	8	80	75	1,531
June .....	4	25	19	581	5	173	60	1,951
July .....	2	6	19	321	5	98	43	1,186
August .....	6	45	19	716	2	43	46	1,500
September .....	4	447	25	507	8	93	64	1,661
October .....	7	149	30	567	5	35	58	1,189
November .....	17	1,916	25	574	4	509	70	1,822
December .....	11	359	44	2,387	6	30	57	1,233



Table 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1956</u>								
January .....	7	68	29	528	6	34	65	1,231
February .....	10	1,685	26	733	8	41	52	1,213
March .....	12	170	38	3,129	9	119	70	1,619
April .....	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117
May .....	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077
June .....	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687
July .....	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248
August .....	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489
September .....	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518
October .....	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891
November .....	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626
December .....	6	83	31	2,310	8	254	70	1,738
Twelve months 1955 ...	98	3,886	309	9,651	68	1,408	772	21,551
Twelve months 1956 ...	110	3,472	375	16,772	83	1,035	781	20,453

	T r a d e						Service	
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1955</u>								
January .....	14	126	15	536	9	484	12	154
February .....	13	499	10	127	14	713	22	350
March .....	24	662	6	82	8	269	15	314
April .....	11	172	9	156	12	362	22	949
May .....	14	260	8	294	10	222	16	249
June .....	17	632	12	408	9	190	29	359
July .....	7	82	7	340	3	74	17	348
August .....	14	603	5	115	6	83	21	468
September .....	18	357	9	135	8	149	26	434
October .....	14	214	8	164	5	134	31	620
November .....	18	463	11	228	6	261	24	228
December .....	11	104	6	86	3	40	15	170

<u>1956</u>								
January .....	16	163	8	141	11	246	32	414
February .....	8	141	10	85	11	450	14	149
March .....	22	577	11	138	6	189	24	1,459
April .....	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245
May .....	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109
June .....	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163
July .....	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697
August .....	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366
September .....	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352
October .....	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368
November .....	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367
December .....	18	250	11	158	11	357	22	262
Twelve months 1955 ...	175	4,172	106	2,670	93	2,981	250	4,641
Twelve months 1956 ...	174	3,047	93	1,377	125	5,504	244	4,951

Table 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1955 - January .....	170	4,963	5	404	108	2,039	42	937	41	1,591
February .....	163	3,928	2	38	117	2,685	46	1,158	29	692
March .....	177	4,023	2	89	112	2,417	46	1,161	46	1,073
April .....	145	5,222	6	309	86	2,783	40	1,897	37	1,593
May .....	154	3,787	2	326	100	1,899	41	885	34	1,212
June .....	139	3,841	3	129	81	1,776	37	867	39	1,414
July .....	107	2,682	4	218	69	1,278	36	686	23	587
August .....	113	3,306	3	466	74	1,467	35	783	22	906
September .....	147	3,586	1	150	101	1,889	45	1,071	31	1,170
October .....	156	4,008	1	12	110	2,873	45	1,656	35	823
November .....	168	6,327	3	64	110	3,981	52	2,797	38	1,086
December .....	156	8,104	4	43	112	3,659	39	1,337	31	4,152
1956 - January .....	166	3,825	-	-	110	2,409	55	727	45	1,293
February .....	145	6,150	4	162	81	2,020	43	1,169	48	3,587
March .....	180	8,893	3	41	115	4,345	54	2,999	52	1,967
April .....	174	5,084	3	248	106	1,796	45	535	47	2,342
May .....	164	3,716	1	11	117	2,510	38	1,012	28	832
June .....	140	3,908	3	60	77	1,980	36	1,051	41	677
July .....	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August .....	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September .....	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October .....	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November .....	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December .....	174	6,325	5	348	111	2,469	49	1,556	45	3,172
Twelve months 1955 ....	1,795	53,776	36	2,248	1,180	28,746	504	15,235	406	16,299
Twelve months 1956 ....	1,966	61,230	37	2,049	1,265	29,641	559	15,519	507	21,836
	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1955 - January .....	15	1,065	2	257	3	334	5	68	6	272
February .....	9	124	4	243	3	108	3	56	5	106
March .....	14	413	6	205	2	42	3	40	6	123
April .....	8	476	3	48	4	237	3	130	6	156
May .....	9	559	2	35	3	91	6	119	7	106
June .....	13	594	-	-	4	95	5	62	7	366
July .....	4	57	1	23	2	452	3	49	5	75
August .....	6	201	-	-	4	259	-	-	10	208
September .....	4	480	3	48	3	37	4	249	4	42
October .....	9	244	1	33	2	72	3	31	4	163
November .....	11	305	3	136	5	131	5	83	4	846
December .....	8	329	2	115	2	26	2	25	3	85
1956 - January .....	12	589	2	37	2	30	3	22	4	34
February .....	15	1,350	-	-	4	145	1	48	7	187
March .....	14	1,312	2	2,329	2	120	3	35	3	56
April .....	10	847	4	102	2	47	5	297	7	252
May .....	7	178	2	36	4	33	3	43	9	251
June .....	16	374	2	101	4	165	6	413	7	512
July .....	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August .....	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September .....	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October .....	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November .....	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December .....	10	2,022	1	60	4	60	6	166	2	50
Twelve months 1955 ....	110	4,847	27	1,143	37	1,884	42	912	67	2,548
Twelve months 1956 ....	134	9,399	23	2,943	34	1,000	41	1,325	59	2,431

Table 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1955					1956				
	1st.Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	12	15	16	59	15	15	15	8	53
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	45	29	25	35	134	38	43	48	52	181
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	10	10	3	13	36	16	13	10	14	53
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	8	12	5	12	37	9	15	3	6	33
Over \$100,000 .....	2	8	3	11	24	11	3	5	2	21
Total .....	81	71	51	87	290	89	89	81	82	341
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	8	12	18	57	15	7	13	13	48
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	49	30	35	53	167	50	40	43	50	183
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	7	12	12	14	45	17	20	16	18	71
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	10	4	-	10	24	8	9	12	14	43
Over \$100,000 .....	2	6	4	4	16	3	3	7	17	30
Total .....	87	60	63	99	309	93	79	91	112	375
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	41	33	19	29	122	28	35	23	31	117
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	129	117	98	106	450	113	108	116	120	457
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	30	21	16	33	100	26	36	21	36	119
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	18	18	10	12	58	17	22	9	15	63
Over \$100,000 .....	17	10	10	5	42	3	9	5	8	25
Total .....	235	199	153	185	772	187	210	174	210	781
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	22	15	25	81	18	21	19	16	74
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	15	30	31	30	106	38	27	25	34	124
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	12	8	13	11	44	9	4	8	8	29
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	3	5	4	4	16	1	-	3	5	9
Over \$100,000 .....	-	2	1	-	3	4	1	3	-	8
Total .....	49	67	64	70	250	70	53	58	63	244
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	121	87	74	98	380	91	83	88	87	349
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	262	228	205	249	944	265	252	256	300	1,073
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	65	56	50	70	241	75	79	61	85	300
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	40	40	19	40	139	37	47	29	41	154
Over \$100,000 .....	22	27	19	23	91	23	17	20	30	90
Total .....	510	438	367	480	1,795	491	478	454	543	1,966
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	96	70	68	84	318	68	58	81	76	283
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	165	139	130	170	604	168	160	174	202	704
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	39	24	28	43	134	38	51	39	34	162
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	26	23	8	18	75	19	25	14	18	76
Over \$100,000 .....	11	11	10	17	49	13	6	11	10	40
Total .....	337	267	244	332	1,180	306	300	319	340	1,265
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	14	1	10	45	16	20	6	9	51
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	62	56	47	57	222	76	61	52	75	264
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	19	19	16	20	74	30	15	21	33	99
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	10	9	9	13	41	16	15	11	17	59
Over \$100,000 .....	5	12	3	4	24	7	5	4	18	34
Total .....	116	110	76	104	406	145	116	94	152	507

Table 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups.

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
<b>1955</b>										
January .....	29.2	80.8	18.9	38.8	65.9	45.3	27.5	30.7	35.0	12.8
February .....	24.1	19.0	22.9	23.9	40.7	21.2	16.2	19.1	34.0	15.9
March .....	22.7	44.5	21.6	23.3	26.0	26.0	22.3	27.8	24.3	20.9
April .....	36.0	51.5	32.4	43.0	41.5	20.5	47.0	32.3	32.7	43.1
May .....	24.6	163.0	18.9	35.6	22.2	15.1	27.2	50.2	20.4	15.6
June .....	27.6	42.9	21.9	36.3	17.4	52.3	36.8	30.6	32.5	12.4
July .....	25.1	54.5	18.5	25.5	87.3	15.0	18.6	16.9	27.6	20.5
August .....	29.2	155.3	19.8	41.2	64.7	20.8	25.8	37.7	32.6	22.3
September .....	24.4	75.0	18.7	37.7	33.4	10.5	52.3	20.3	26.0	16.7
October .....	25.7	12.0	26.1	23.5	22.6	40.8	51.3	18.9	20.5	20.0
November .....	37.7	21.3	36.2	28.6	26.9	211.5	85.8	23.0	26.0	9.5
December .....	51.9	10.7	32.7	133.9	27.6	28.3	163.5	54.3	21.6	11.3
<b>1956</b>										
January .....	23.0	-	21.9	28.7	12.7	8.5	53.3	18.2	18.9	12.9
February .....	42.4	40.5	24.9	74.7	38.6	26.7	111.7	28.2	23.3	10.6
March .....	49.4	13.7	37.8	37.8	354.8	18.7	79.9	82.3	22.7	60.8
April .....	29.2	82.7	16.9	49.8	40.5	36.0	41.8	41.9	26.8	11.1
May .....	22.2	11.0	21.5	29.7	12.4	27.9	17.0	24.0	28.8	7.3
June .....	27.9	20.0	25.7	16.5	56.5	73.1	41.7	19.7	28.3	10.2
July .....	24.0	27.3	17.8	43.4	49.6	14.0	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.7
August .....	31.7	73.6	31.8	21.5	18.2	98.7	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September .....	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.7	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.1
October .....	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	12.1	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November .....	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	10.3
December .....	36.3	69.6	22.2	70.5	26.0	25.0	40.2	74.5	24.8	11.9
The year 1955 .....	30.0	60.8	24.4	40.1	37.2	38.0	50.6	31.2	27.9	18.6
The year 1956 .....	31.1	55.4	20.8	53.4	26.8	42.1	44.2	44.7	26.2	20.3

Table 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas.

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
<b>1955</b>										
January .....	51	-	50	-	1	-	47	37	7	3
February .....	41	-	38	2	1	-	44	36	4	4
March .....	59	-	58	-	-	1	40	34	5	1
April .....	57	-	57	-	-	-	44	42	2	-
May .....	43	-	41	2	-	-	39	33	5	1
June .....	64	-	62	1	-	1	28	25	2	1
July .....	54	-	52	1	-	1	40	36	4	-
August .....	64	-	62	2	-	-	52	49	2	1
September .....	51	1	48	1	-	1	34	33	1	-
October .....	61	1	54	6	-	-	52	51	1	-
November .....	54	-	54	-	-	-	50	49	-	1
December .....	58	-	57	1	-	-	48	41	3	4
<b>1956</b>										
January .....	59	-	57	2	-	-	59	56	-	3
February .....	83	-	80	3	-	-	67	60	4	3
March .....	86	-	84	1	1	-	64	56	4	4
April .....	68	-	68	-	-	-	63	54	6	3
May .....	65	-	63	2	-	-	74	70	4	-
June .....	83	-	76	6	-	1	65	59	6	-
July .....	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August .....	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September .....	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October .....	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November .....	109	-	107	2	-	-	81	66	8	7
December .....	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
12 months 1955 .....	657	2	633	16	2	4	518	466	36	16
12 months 1956 .....	973	1	950	20	1	1	812	738	49	25









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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the first quarter of 1957 the total number of business failures (revised basis) recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 616, an increase of more than 25 per cent over the total of 491 insolvencies recorded for the first quarter of 1956. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$20,109,000 for the first quarter, 6.6 per cent higher than the corresponding 1956 total of \$18,867,000. Average liability per failure thus fell off appreciably from \$38,400 in the first quarter of 1956 to \$32,600 in the same period of 1957. Of the increase of 125 failures in this comparison, 81 were businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector during the first quarter of 1957. Bankruptcies of all trading establishments rose by nearly 25 per cent from 187 in the first months of 1956 to 233. Insolvencies of clothing establishments, furniture, appliances and radio stores and hardware and building materials businesses rose substantially while food store failures fell off. Insolvencies of construction establishments increased by more than 30 per cent, from 93 in the first quarter of 1956 to 123, with failures of both "general" and "special" contractors advancing.

Bankruptcies of manufacturers increased from 89 to 105, with failures of wood products establishments accounting for most of the advance. Insolvencies in the service sector showed no change in the three month comparison, while the number of defaulting transportation businesses rose from 23 to 31.

Estimated liabilities of failures in the manufacturing sector fell off by over 50 per cent, due largely to substantial declines in the durable industries group. Total liabilities of bankrupt "service" establishments also declined by more than 50 per cent. By contrast, value of liabilities in the trade, finance and construction industries showed marked gains in the first quarter comparison and accounted for most of the advance in the overall total of estimated liabilities.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the first quarter of 1957, the greatest number of failures occurred in Quebec, where 391 businesses were declared bankrupt, compared with 306 in the first quarter of the previous year. The estimated liabilities rose more moderately from \$8,774,000 to \$9,206,000, the average liability per failure therefore declining from \$28,700 to \$23,500. The number of failures in Ontario rose slightly from 145 to 154 in the three months comparison; total liabilities increased from \$6,847,000 to \$7,705,000, with average liability per failure rising from \$47,200 to \$50,000. Number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces advanced from 19 to 41; total liabilities for the area, however, dropped from \$2,766,000 to \$1,909,000 in this comparison. Number of failures in British Columbia for the first quarter of 1957 was 14, unchanged from last year; total liabilities, however, rose from \$277,000 to \$832,000.

#### Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involves businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 range. In the period covered, more than half the total failures were in this category. In the province of Quebec, failures under \$5,000 constitute a larger share of the provincial total than is the case for Ontario, while proportionately more failures with greater liabilities occur in Ontario. This results in a consistently higher figure for average liability per failure in the latter province. While the average for Ontario is higher than the Canadian average, that for Quebec is lower. (Table 5)

#### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) but not failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by  
First Quarter, 1957

	FIRST QUARTER 1956				
	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
	- Number -				
AGRICULTURE .....	-	7	3	1	-
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	1	1	-	1
MINING .....	-	-	-	1	-
MANUFACTURES -					
Foods and Beverages .....	-	8	1	-	-
Textiles .....	-	1	1	-	-
Clothing .....	-	10	3	-	-
Wood Products .....	1	6	4	-	1
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	6	-	-	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	1	19	8	-	1
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	8	3	-	-
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	4	3	-	-
Total Manufactures .....	2	62	23	-	2
CONSTRUCTION -					
General Contractors .....	1	26	16	1	1
Special Trade Contractors .....	-	22	22	1	3
Total Construction .....	1	48	38	2	4
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	-	13	9	-	1
TRADE -					
Food .....	1	34	10	1	-
General Merchandise .....	2	4	5	2	-
Automotive Products .....	-	5	3	1	-
Filling Stations .....	-	2	2	-	1
Clothing .....	-	17	11	1	-
Shoes .....	-	1	-	-	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	-	5	5	1	1
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	1	12	12	2	1
Fuel .....	-	4	-	-	-
Drugs .....	-	-	1	-	-
Jewellery .....	-	2	2	1	-
Other Trades .....	-	22	8	3	1
Total Trade .....	4	108	59	12	4
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	4	-	-	-
SERVICE -					
Community Service .....	-	3	-	-	-
Recreational Service .....	-	5	-	-	-
Business Service .....	-	7	1	-	-
Personal Service .....	-	44	9	1	-
Total Service .....	-	59	10	1	-
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	4	2	2	2
TOTAL .....	7	306	145	19	14

Economic Areas and Industries

with Comparisons

FIRST QUARTER 1956		FIRST QUARTER 1957						
Number	Total	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Total	
	Liabilities						Number	Liabilities
	\$'000			- Number -				\$'000
11	221	1	15	1	-	1	18	276
3	28	-	5	1	-	-	6	74
1	20	-	1	1	-	-	2	58
9	271	-	10	2	-	-	12	337
2	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	459	-	9	3	-	-	12	740
12	1,300	1	16	5	1	1	24	1,039
6	326	-	9	1	-	-	10	156
29	1,923	-	24	4	1	-	29	759
11	2,486	1	2	3	-	-	6	162
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	9
7	678	-	9	1	-	1	11	374
89	7,500	2	80	19	2	2	105	3,577
45	1,243	-	30	23	3	4	60	3,588
48	3,148	1	30	19	11	2	63	1,941
93	4,390	1	60	42	14	6	123	5,529
23	195	1	22	5	3	-	31	617
46	881	2	28	9	1	-	40	563
13	334	1	12	1	-	-	14	158
9	394	-	4	5	1	-	10	479
5	47	-	8	2	2	-	12	190
29	364	3	18	11	4	1	37	661
1	34	1	1	3	-	-	5	53
12	328	1	13	4	-	-	18	659
28	885	2	21	12	2	-	37	1,773
4	45	-	2	-	-	-	2	96
1	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	49	-	6	7	-	-	13	418
34	686	-	27	13	3	2	45	2,371
187	4,062	10	140	67	13	3	233	7,421
4	184	-	1	3	3	-	7	1,230
3	747	-	4	-	-	-	4	15
5	70	-	1	2	1	-	4	99
8	530	-	4	-	-	-	4	70
54	675	-	48	7	3	-	58	788
70	2,022	-	57	9	4	-	70	973
10	245	1	10	6	2	2	21	354
491	18,867	16	391	154	41	14	616	20,109



Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1955</u>								
January .....	170	4,963	10	72	25	688	1	31
February .....	163	3,928	6	73	17	275	-	-
March .....	177	4,023	9	130	39	868	8	151
April .....	145	5,222	1	18	32	1,504	8	492
May .....	154	3,787	6	65	20	543	5	122
June .....	139	3,841	5	65	19	699	4	240
July .....	107	2,682	5	58	16	297	4	118
August .....	113	3,306	3	45	20	515	4	123
September .....	147	3,586	5	22	15	785	1	19
October .....	156	4,008	1	5	26	1,335	6	621
November .....	168	6,327	2	25	36	3,088	4	408
December .....	156	8,104	6	32	25	4,087	5	340
<u>1956</u>								
January .....	166	3,825	2	21	26	1,386	2	8
February .....	145	6,150	6	130	34	3,797	6	1,081
March .....	180	8,893	3	70	29	2,317	4	211
April .....	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262
May .....	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12
June .....	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375
July .....	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79
August .....	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330
September .....	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377
October .....	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58
November .....	185	5,718	5	65	28	667	5	98
December .....	175	9,349	5	96	25	970	2	33
<u>1957</u>								
January .....	239	7,868	9	111	42	1,805	8	541
February .....	207	6,552	5	107	34	1,118	9	218
March .....	170	5,689	4	57	29	653	7	280
Three months 1955 .....	510	12,914	25	275	81	1,830	9	182
Three months 1956 .....	491	18,867	11	221	89	7,500	12	1,300
Three months 1957 .....	616	20,109	18	276	105	3,577	24	1,039
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1955</u>								
January .....	7	89	27	828	3	67	89	3,116
February .....	10	170	31	591	7	53	75	2,548
March .....	15	230	29	807	10	131	71	1,724
April .....	9	236	16	517	5	98	64	2,091
May .....	6	214	25	1,255	8	80	75	1,531
June .....	4	25	19	581	5	173	60	1,951
July .....	2	6	19	321	5	98	43	1,186
August .....	6	45	19	716	2	43	46	1,500
September .....	4	447	25	507	8	93	64	1,661
October .....	7	149	30	567	5	35	58	1,189
November .....	17	1,916	25	574	4	509	70	1,822
December .....	11	359	44	2,387	6	30	57	1,233

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1956</u>								
January .....	7	68	29	528	6	34	65	1,231
February .....	10	1,685	26	733	8	41	52	1,213
March .....	12	170	38	3,129	9	119	70	1,619
April .....	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117
May .....	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077
June .....	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687
July .....	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248
August .....	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489
September .....	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518
October .....	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891
November .....	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626
December .....	7	103	31	2,327	8	254	71	1,725
<u>1957</u>								
January .....	15	564	48	2,239	12	88	95	2,244
February .....	9	129	45	1,882	13	393	76	2,508
March .....	5	66	30	1,409	6	135	62	2,669
Three months 1955 .....	32	490	87	2,226	20	251	235	7,388
Three months 1956 .....	29	1,923	93	4,390	23	195	187	4,062
Three months 1957 .....	29	759	123	5,529	31	617	233	7,421
T r a d e								
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Service	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1955</u>								
January .....	14	126	15	536	9	484	12	154
February .....	13	499	10	127	14	713	22	350
March .....	24	662	6	82	8	269	15	314
April .....	11	172	9	156	12	362	22	949
May .....	14	260	8	294	10	222	16	249
June .....	17	632	12	408	9	190	29	359
July .....	7	82	7	340	3	74	17	348
August .....	14	603	5	115	6	83	21	468
September .....	18	357	9	135	8	149	26	434
October .....	14	214	8	164	5	134	31	620
November .....	18	463	11	228	6	261	24	228
December .....	11	104	6	86	3	40	15	170
<u>1956</u>								
January .....	16	163	8	141	11	246	32	414
February .....	8	141	10	85	11	450	14	149
March .....	22	577	11	138	6	189	24	1,459
April .....	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245
May .....	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109
June .....	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163
July .....	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697
August .....	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366
September .....	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352
October .....	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368
November .....	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367
December .....	18	258	12	168	11	357	24	265
<u>1957</u>								
January .....	14	153	17	169	13	835	25	197
February .....	15	288	13	313	13	589	21	286
March .....	11	122	7	179	11	349	24	490
Three months 1955 .....	51	1,287	31	745	31	1,466	49	817
Three months 1956 .....	46	881	29	364	28	885	70	2,022
Three months 1957 .....	40	563	37	661	37	1,773	70	973

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months,  
Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1955</u> - January .....	170	4,963	5	404	108	2,039	42	937	41	1,591
February .....	163	3,928	2	38	117	2,685	46	1,158	29	692
March .....	177	4,023	2	89	112	2,417	46	1,161	46	1,073
April .....	145	5,222	6	309	86	2,783	40	1,897	37	1,593
May .....	154	3,787	2	326	100	1,899	41	885	34	1,212
June .....	139	3,841	3	129	81	1,776	37	867	39	1,414
July .....	107	2,682	4	218	69	1,278	36	686	23	587
August .....	113	3,306	3	466	74	1,467	35	783	22	906
September .....	147	3,586	1	150	101	1,889	45	1,071	31	1,170
October .....	156	4,008	1	12	110	2,873	45	1,656	35	823
November .....	168	6,327	3	64	110	3,981	52	2,797	38	1,086
December .....	156	8,104	4	43	112	3,659	39	1,337	31	4,152
<u>1956</u> - January .....	166	3,825	-	-	110	2,409	55	727	45	1,293
February .....	145	6,150	4	162	81	2,020	43	1,169	48	3,587
March .....	180	8,893	3	41	115	4,345	54	2,999	52	1,967
April .....	174	5,084	3	248	106	1,796	45	535	47	2,342
May .....	164	3,716	1	11	117	2,510	38	1,012	28	832
June .....	140	3,908	3	60	77	1,980	36	1,051	41	677
July .....	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August .....	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September .....	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October .....	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November .....	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December .....	175	9,349	5	348	111	5,531	49	4,587	45	3,177
<u>1957</u> - January .....	239	7,868	5	97	157	3,665	64	1,312	54	2,631
February .....	207	6,552	6	294	137	3,425	61	1,566	50	2,435
March .....	170	5,689	5	68	97	2,116	35	1,014	50	2,640
Three months 1955 .....	510	12,914	9	531	337	7,140	134	3,255	116	3,357
Three months 1956 .....	491	18,867	7	203	306	8,774	152	4,895	145	6,847
Three months 1957 .....	616	20,109	16	458	391	9,206	160	3,892	154	7,705
	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1955</u> - January .....	15	1,065	2	257	3	334	5	68	6	272
February .....	9	124	4	243	3	108	3	56	5	106
March .....	14	413	6	205	2	42	3	40	6	156
April .....	8	476	3	48	4	237	3	130	6	123
May .....	9	559	2	35	3	91	6	119	7	106
June .....	13	594	-	-	4	95	5	62	7	366
July .....	4	57	1	23	2	452	3	49	5	75
August .....	6	201	-	-	4	259	-	-	10	208
September .....	4	480	3	48	3	37	4	249	4	42
October .....	9	244	1	33	2	72	3	31	4	163
November .....	11	305	3	136	5	131	5	83	4	846
December .....	8	329	2	115	2	26	2	25	3	85
<u>1956</u> - January .....	12	589	2	37	2	30	3	22	4	34
February .....	15	1,350	-	-	4	145	1	48	7	187
March .....	14	1,312	2	2,329	2	120	3	35	3	56
April .....	10	847	4	102	2	47	5	297	7	252
May .....	7	178	2	36	4	33	3	43	9	251
June .....	16	374	2	101	4	165	6	413	7	512
July .....	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August .....	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September .....	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October .....	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November .....	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December .....	10	2,031	1	60	4	60	6	118	3	55
<u>1957</u> - January .....	27	1,962	2	54	8	127	10	661	3	633
February .....	17	996	2	39	2	87	4	145	6	128
March .....	19	612	4	61	3	173	6	562	5	71
Three months 1955 .....	38	1,602	12	705	8	484	11	164	17	534
Three months 1956 .....	41	3,252	4	2,365	8	295	7	106	14	277
Three months 1957 .....	63	3,570	8	154	13	387	20	1,368	14	832

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1 9 5 5					1 9 5 6					1 9 5 7
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter
<b>Manufacturing</b>											
Under \$5,000 .....	16	12	15	16	59	15	15	15	9	54	16
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	45	29	25	35	134	38	43	48	51	180	56
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	10	10	3	13	36	16	13	10	15	54	20
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	8	12	5	12	37	9	15	3	6	33	5
Over \$100,000 .....	2	8	3	11	24	11	3	5	2	21	8
Total .....	81	71	51	87	290	89	89	81	83	342	105
<b>Construction</b>											
Under \$5,000 .....	19	8	12	18	57	15	7	13	14	49	13
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	49	30	35	53	167	50	40	43	49	182	60
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	7	12	12	14	45	17	20	16	18	71	24
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	10	4	-	10	24	8	9	12	14	43	15
Over \$100,000 .....	2	6	4	4	16	3	3	7	17	30	11
Total .....	87	60	63	99	309	93	79	91	112	375	123
<b>Trade</b>											
Under \$5,000 .....	41	33	19	29	122	28	35	23	31	117	34
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	129	117	98	106	450	113	108	116	119	456	132
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	30	21	16	33	100	26	36	21	38	121	29
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	18	18	10	12	58	17	22	9	15	63	23
Over \$100,000 .....	17	10	10	5	42	3	9	5	8	25	15
Total .....	235	199	153	185	772	187	210	174	211	782	233
<b>Service</b>											
Under \$5,000 .....	19	22	15	25	81	18	21	19	17	75	19
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	15	30	31	30	106	38	27	25	36	126	41
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	12	8	13	11	44	9	4	8	7	28	5
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	3	5	4	4	16	1	-	3	5	9	5
Over \$100,000 .....	-	2	1	-	3	4	1	3	-	8	-
Total .....	49	67	64	70	250	70	53	58	65	246	70
<b>Total Canada</b>											
Under \$5,000 .....	121	87	74	98	380	91	83	88	90	352	97
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	262	228	205	249	944	265	252	256	295	1,068	340
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	65	56	50	70	241	75	79	61	88	303	89
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	40	40	19	40	139	37	47	29	41	154	54
Over \$100,000 .....	22	27	19	23	91	23	17	20	30	90	36
Total .....	510	438	367	480	1,795	491	478	454	544	1,967	616
<b>Quebec</b>											
Under \$5,000 .....	96	70	68	84	318	68	58	81	79	286	80
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	165	139	130	170	604	168	160	174	197	699	225
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	39	24	28	43	134	38	51	39	36	164	46
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	26	23	8	18	75	19	25	14	18	76	25
Over \$100,000 .....	11	11	10	17	49	13	6	11	10	40	15
Total .....	337	267	244	332	1,180	306	300	319	340	1,265	391
<b>Ontario</b>											
Under \$5,000 .....	20	14	1	10	45	16	20	6	9	51	14
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	62	56	47	57	222	76	61	52	75	264	73
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	19	19	16	20	74	30	15	21	33	99	30
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	10	9	9	13	41	16	15	11	17	59	23
Over \$100,000 .....	5	12	3	4	24	7	5	4	18	34	14
Total .....	116	110	76	104	406	145	116	94	152	507	154



Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups.

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1955 - January .....	29.2	80.8	18.9	38.8	65.9	45.3	27.5	30.7	35.0	12.8
February .....	24.1	19.0	22.9	23.9	40.7	21.2	16.2	19.1	34.0	15.9
March .....	22.7	44.5	21.6	23.3	26.0	26.0	22.3	27.8	24.3	20.9
April .....	36.0	51.5	32.4	43.0	41.5	20.5	47.0	32.3	32.7	43.1
May .....	24.6	163.0	18.9	35.6	22.2	15.1	27.2	50.2	20.4	15.6
June .....	27.6	42.9	21.9	36.3	17.4	52.3	36.8	30.6	32.5	12.4
July .....	25.1	54.5	18.5	25.5	87.3	15.0	18.6	16.9	27.6	20.5
August .....	29.2	155.3	19.8	41.2	64.7	20.8	25.8	37.7	32.6	22.3
September .....	24.4	75.0	18.7	37.7	33.4	10.5	52.3	20.3	26.0	16.7
October .....	25.7	12.0	26.1	23.5	22.6	40.8	51.3	18.9	20.5	20.0
November .....	37.7	21.3	36.2	28.6	26.9	211.5	85.8	23.0	26.0	9.5
December .....	51.9	10.7	32.7	133.9	27.6	28.3	163.5	54.3	21.6	11.3
1956 - January .....	23.0	-	21.9	28.7	12.7	8.5	53.3	18.2	18.9	12.9
February .....	42.4	40.5	24.9	74.7	38.6	26.7	111.7	28.2	23.3	10.6
March .....	49.4	13.7	37.8	37.8	354.8	18.7	79.9	82.3	22.7	60.8
April .....	29.2	82.7	16.9	49.8	40.5	36.0	41.8	41.9	26.8	11.1
May .....	22.2	11.0	21.5	29.7	12.4	27.9	17.0	24.0	28.8	7.3
June .....	27.9	20.0	25.7	16.5	56.5	73.1	41.7	19.7	28.3	10.2
July .....	24.0	27.3	17.8	43.4	49.6	14.0	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.7
August .....	31.7	73.6	31.8	21.5	18.2	98.7	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September .....	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.7	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.1
October .....	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	12.1	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November .....	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	10.3
December .....	53.4	69.6	49.8	70.6	21.6	18.3	38.8	75.1	24.3	11.0
1957 - January .....	32.9	19.4	23.3	48.7	42.1	211.0	43.0	46.6	23.6	7.9
February .....	31.7	49.0	25.0	48.7	33.9	21.3	32.9	41.8	33.0	13.6
March .....	33.5	13.6	21.8	52.8	61.2	14.2	22.5	47.0	43.0	20.4
Three months 1955 ....	25.3	59.0	21.2	28.9	43.6	31.4	22.6	25.6	31.4	16.7
Three months 1956 ....	38.4	29.0	28.7	47.2	145.6	19.8	84.3	47.2	21.7	28.9
Three months 1957 ....	32.6	28.6	23.5	50.0	46.5	59.4	34.1	45.0	31.8	13.9

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas.

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1955 - January .....	51	-	50	-	1	-	47	37	7	3
February .....	41	-	38	2	1	-	44	36	4	4
March .....	59	-	58	-	-	1	40	34	5	1
April .....	57	-	57	-	-	-	44	42	2	-
May .....	43	-	41	2	-	-	39	33	5	1
June .....	64	-	62	1	-	1	28	25	2	1
July .....	54	-	52	1	-	1	40	36	4	-
August .....	64	-	62	2	-	-	52	49	2	1
September .....	51	1	48	1	-	1	34	33	1	-
October .....	61	1	54	6	-	-	52	51	1	-
November .....	54	-	54	-	-	-	50	49	-	1
December .....	58	-	57	1	-	-	48	41	3	4
1956 - January .....	59	-	57	2	-	-	59	56	-	3
February .....	83	-	80	3	-	-	67	60	4	3
March .....	86	-	84	1	1	-	64	56	4	4
April .....	68	-	68	-	-	-	63	54	6	3
May .....	65	-	63	2	-	-	74	70	4	-
June .....	83	-	76	6	-	1	65	59	6	-
July .....	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August .....	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September .....	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October .....	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November .....	109	-	107	2	-	-	81	66	8	7
December .....	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
1957 - January .....	119	-	112	3	2	2	100	95	3	2
February .....	107	-	102	4	-	1	50	47	6	2
March .....	123	-	118	5	-	-	48	39	9	-
Three months 1955 ....	151	-	146	2	2	1	131	107	16	8
Three months 1956 ....	228	-	221	6	1	-	190	172	8	10
Three months 1957 ....	349	-	332	12	2	3	198	176	18	4



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UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

According to preliminary figures, the total number of business failures (revised basis) recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 501 during the second quarter of 1957, an increase of 23 over the 478 insolvencies reported for the same period of 1956. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities, however, fell off by 3.3 per cent from \$12,708,000 in the second quarter of 1956 to \$12,289,000. Average liability per failure therefore dropped from \$26,600 to \$24,500. There was an appreciable increase in the second quarter comparison, in the failures of relatively small businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector during the second quarter of 1957. Bankruptcies of all trading establishments rose from 210 in the second quarter of the previous year to 232. Insolvencies of clothing stores rose steeply, and food store failures also increased in this comparison. Failures of furniture, appliances and radio stores and "general merchandise" establishments declined. Insolvencies of construction businesses dropped slightly from the second quarter of the previous year.

Bankruptcies of manufacturers declined moderately from 89 to 81, with fewer failures being shown in the "iron and steel and transportation equipment" group. Insolvencies in the service sector increased from 53 to 58, while the number of defaulting transportation businesses showed little change.

Although the number of trading establishment failures increased as compared with the second quarter of 1956, total liabilities in this sector decreased by 13.5 per cent, with the decline concentrated in the "furniture, appliances and radios" group. Total liabilities of bankrupt manufacturing businesses fell off by over 25 per cent. On the other hand, advances in total liabilities over the same period of 1956 were recorded in the construction, service and "finance and public utilities" industries.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the second quarter of 1957, the number of failures in Quebec fell off very slightly to 294 as compared with 300 for the second quarter of the previous year. Estimated liabilities, however, dropped substantially from \$6,286,000 to \$4,947,000 in this comparison with average liability per failure falling off from \$21,000 to \$16,800. The number of failures in Ontario rose substantially from 116 in the second quarter of 1956 to 144. Liabilities increased from \$3,851,000 to \$5,104,000, with average liability per failure rising from \$33,200 to \$35,400. Number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces rose slightly from 32 to 34 in the second quarter comparison, but total liabilities dropped from \$1,238,000 to \$1,035,000, with average liability per failure declining from \$38,700 to \$30,400. Number of failures in British Columbia for the second quarter of 1957 was 16, down from 23 in the same period of 1956. Total liabilities fell off from \$1,015,000 to \$707,000 with average liability per failure rising very slightly from \$44,100 to \$44,200.

Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that nearly 72% of all failures during the second quarter involved relatively small businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000. In the province of Quebec, more than 82% of all failures were in this category. In Ontario, however, 43 per cent of all second quarter failures involved businesses with liabilities of over \$25,000. Over the last two years, average liability per failure in Quebec has been consistently below the Canadian average, while in Ontario it has been distinctly higher than the national average in almost every month.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (The Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) but not failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by

Second Quarter, 1957

SECOND QUARTER 1956					
	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
	- Number -				
AGRICULTURE .....	-	7	1	1	-
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	1	2	-	-
MINING .....	-	-	-	-	-
MANUFACTURES -					
Foods and Beverages .....	1	4	3	1	-
Textiles .....	-	-	-	-	-
Clothing .....	-	8	2	1	-
Wood Products .....	-	5	3	1	1
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	5	2	-	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	23	5	4	2
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	3	3	-	-
Chemical Products .....	-	2	-	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	6	3	-	1
Total Manufactures .....	1	56	21	7	4
CONSTRUCTION -					
General Contractors .....	-	26	7	1	2
Special Trade Contractors .....	-	20	14	4	5
Total Construction .....	-	46	21	5	7
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	1	14	6	-	-
TRADE -					
Food .....	1	28	10	-	-
General Merchandise .....	2	11	2	3	3
Automotive Products .....	-	2	6	2	-
Filling Stations .....	-	1	3	-	-
Clothing .....	-	10	3	-	-
Shoes .....	-	5	-	-	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	1	6	8	3	2
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	-	21	10	5	6
Fuel .....	-	2	-	-	-
Drugs .....	1	3	-	1	-
Jewellery .....	-	4	2	1	-
Other Trades .....	-	33	9	-	-
Total Trade .....	5	126	53	15	11
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	4	1	-	-
SERVICE -					
Community Service .....	-	1	-	-	-
Recreational Service .....	-	3	1	-	-
Business Service .....	-	2	-	-	-
Personal Service .....	-	32	10	3	1
Total Service .....	-	38	11	3	1
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	8	-	1	-
TOTAL .....	7	300	116	32	23

Economic Areas and Industries

with Comparisons

SECOND QUARTER 1956		SECOND QUARTER 1957						
Total		Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Total	
Number	Liabilities						Number	Liabilities
	\$'000			Number				\$'000
9	123	-	8	-	-	1	9	178
3	47	-	1	1	-	-	2	247
-	-	-	1	-	1	1	3	226
9	123	-	6	2	-	-	8	307
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	353	-	8	-	-	-	8	143
10	649	-	7	5	1	1	14	588
7	121	-	2	3	-	-	5	214
34	724	1	17	6	1	1	26	575
6	698	1	2	3	-	-	6	63
2	36	-	1	-	-	-	1	30
10	318	-	8	5	-	-	13	335
89	3,023	2	51	24	2	2	81	2,255
36	1,367	1	23	16	6	2	48	1,698
43	1,105	1	9	12	4	1	27	914
79	2,472	2	32	28	10	3	75	2,611
21	273	-	15	6	-	1	22	235
39	750	-	33	11	1	-	45	1,020
21	275	1	2	1	5	-	9	182
10	303	2	6	4	-	-	12	344
4	23	-	6	5	-	-	11	118
13	202	2	16	11	4	2	35	691
5	105	-	3	1	-	-	4	137
20	606	-	8	8	2	1	19	566
42	2,158	1	13	17	2	1	34	1,130
2	38	-	1	2	-	-	3	70
5	89	-	1	-	-	-	1	18
7	180	-	2	-	-	1	3	27
42	1,153	1	39	11	4	1	56	782
210	5,881	7	130	71	18	6	232	5,084
5	159	1	6	2	-	-	9	426
1	5	-	1	-	-	-	1	18
4	159	1	3	2	-	-	6	155
2	67	-	4	-	-	-	4	19
46	287	-	36	9	2	-	47	703
53	517	1	44	11	2	-	58	896
9	215	-	6	1	1	2	10	131
478	12,708	13	294	144	34	16	501	12,289

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1955</u>								
January .....	170	4,963	10	72	25	688	1	31
February .....	163	3,928	6	73	17	275	-	-
March .....	177	4,023	9	130	39	868	8	151
April .....	145	5,222	1	18	32	1,504	5	492
May .....	154	3,787	6	65	20	543	4	122
June .....	139	3,841	5	65	19	699	4	240
July .....	107	2,682	5	58	16	297	4	118
August .....	113	3,306	3	45	20	515	4	123
September .....	147	3,586	5	22	15	785	1	19
October .....	156	4,008	1	5	26	1,335	6	621
November .....	168	6,327	2	25	36	3,088	4	408
December .....	156	8,104	6	32	25	4,087	5	340
<u>1956</u>								
January .....	166	3,825	2	21	26	1,386	2	8
February .....	145	6,150	6	130	34	3,797	6	1,081
March .....	180	8,893	3	70	29	2,317	4	211
April .....	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262
May .....	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12
June .....	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375
July .....	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79
August .....	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330
September .....	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377
October .....	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58
November .....	185	5,718	5	65	28	667	5	98
December .....	175	9,349	5	96	25	970	2	33
<u>1957</u>								
January .....	236	7,721	9	111	40	1,755	8	541
February .....	209	6,495	5	107	34	1,118	9	218
March .....	175	5,787	4	57	30	720	7	280
April .....	169	4,171	3	126	27	790	8	165
May .....	157	3,836	3	22	24	545	2	209
June .....	175	4,282	3	31	30	919	4	213
Six months 1955 .....	948	25,764	37	423	152	4,577	26	1,036
Six months 1956 .....	969	31,576	20	343	178	10,523	22	1,949
Six months 1957 .....	1,121	32,292	27	454	185	5,847	38	1,626
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1955</u>								
January .....	7	89	27	828	3	67	89	3,116
February .....	10	170	31	591	7	53	75	2,548
March .....	15	230	29	807	10	131	71	1,724
April .....	9	236	16	517	5	98	64	2,091
May .....	6	214	25	1,255	8	80	75	1,531
June .....	4	25	19	581	5	173	60	1,951
July .....	2	6	19	321	5	98	43	1,186
August .....	6	45	19	716	2	43	46	1,500
September .....	4	447	25	507	8	93	64	1,661
October .....	7	149	30	567	5	35	58	1,189
November .....	17	1,916	25	574	4	509	70	1,822
December .....	11	359	44	2,387	6	30	57	1,233

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1956								
January .....	7	68	29	528	6	34	65	1,231
February .....	10	1,685	26	733	8	41	52	1,213
March .....	12	170	38	3,129	9	119	70	1,619
April .....	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117
May .....	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077
June .....	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687
July .....	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248
August .....	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489
September .....	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518
October .....	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891
November .....	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626
December .....	7	103	31	2,327	8	254	71	1,725
1957								
January .....	14	557	48	2,187	12	88	94	2,199
February .....	9	129	44	1,834	13	393	80	2,491
March .....	5	66	30	1,409	6	135	65	2,703
April .....	8	132	27	711	8	73	74	1,741
May .....	10	100	29	1,361	6	80	70	1,480
June .....	8	343	19	539	8	82	88	1,863
Six months 1955 .....	51	964	147	4,579	38	602	434	12,961
Six months 1956 .....	63	2,647	172	6,862	44	468	397	9,944
Six months 1957 .....	54	1,327	197	8,041	53	851	471	12,477

	T r a d e						Service	
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1955								
January .....	14	126	15	536	9	484	12	154
February .....	13	499	10	127	14	713	22	350
March .....	24	662	6	82	8	269	15	314
April .....	11	172	9	156	12	362	22	949
May .....	14	260	8	294	10	222	16	249
June .....	17	632	12	408	9	190	29	359
July .....	7	82	7	340	3	74	17	348
August .....	14	603	5	115	6	83	21	468
September .....	18	357	9	135	8	149	26	434
October .....	14	214	8	164	5	134	31	620
November .....	18	463	11	228	6	261	24	228
December .....	11	104	6	86	3	40	15	170
1956								
January .....	16	163	8	141	11	246	32	414
February .....	8	141	10	85	11	450	14	149
March .....	22	577	11	138	6	189	24	1,459
April .....	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245
May .....	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109
June .....	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163
July .....	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697
August .....	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366
September .....	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352
October .....	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368
November .....	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367
December .....	18	258	12	168	11	357	24	265
1957								
January .....	14	153	17	169	12	758	25	197
February .....	15	287	13	304	13	589	20	281
March .....	12	123	9	212	11	349	24	461
April .....	15	438	12	216	10	308	21	355
May .....	14	290	12	172	12	445	18	238
June .....	16	292	14	356	12	378	19	303
Six months 1955 .....	93	2,351	60	1,603	62	2,240	116	2,375
Six months 1956 .....	85	1,631	42	566	70	3,043	123	2,539
Six months 1957 .....	86	1,583	77	1,429	70	2,827	127	1,835



Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months,  
Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1955 - April .....	145	5,222	6	309	86	2,783	40	1,897	37	1,593
May .....	154	3,787	2	326	100	1,899	41	885	34	1,212
June .....	139	3,841	3	129	81	1,776	37	867	39	1,414
July .....	107	2,682	4	218	69	1,278	36	686	23	587
August .....	113	3,306	3	466	74	1,467	35	783	22	906
September .....	147	3,586	1	150	101	1,889	45	1,071	31	1,170
October .....	156	4,008	1	12	110	2,873	45	1,656	35	823
November .....	168	6,327	3	64	110	3,981	52	2,797	38	1,086
December .....	156	8,104	4	43	112	3,659	39	1,337	31	4,152
1956 - January .....	166	3,825	-	-	110	2,409	55	727	45	1,293
February .....	145	6,150	4	162	81	2,020	43	1,169	48	3,587
March .....	180	8,893	3	41	115	4,345	54	2,999	52	1,967
April .....	174	5,084	3	248	106	1,796	45	535	47	2,342
May .....	164	3,716	1	11	117	2,510	38	1,012	28	832
June .....	140	3,908	3	60	77	1,980	36	1,051	41	677
July .....	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August .....	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September .....	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October .....	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November .....	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December .....	175	9,349	5	348	111	5,531	49	4,587	45	3,177
1957 - January .....	236	7,721	5	97	155	3,594	64	1,333	53	2,554
February .....	209	6,495	6	294	139	3,368	61	1,442	50	2,435
March .....	175	5,787	6	76	102	2,235	39	1,113	49	2,611
April .....	169	4,171	2	73	97	1,761	50	867	46	1,712
May .....	157	3,836	4	156	95	1,485	37	483	49	1,719
June .....	175	4,282	7	268	102	1,701	42	819	49	1,673
Six months 1955 .....	948	25,764	20	1,295	604	13,599	252	6,905	226	7,575
Six months 1956 .....	969	31,576	14	522	606	15,060	271	7,493	261	10,698
Six months 1957 .....	1,121	32,292	30	964	690	14,144	293	6,057	296	12,704

	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1955 - April .....	8	476	3	48	4	237	3	130	6	123
May .....	9	559	2	35	3	91	6	119	7	106
June .....	13	594	-	-	4	95	5	62	7	366
July .....	4	57	1	23	2	452	3	49	5	75
August .....	6	201	-	-	4	259	-	-	10	208
September .....	4	480	3	48	3	37	4	249	4	42
October .....	9	244	1	33	2	72	3	31	4	163
November .....	11	305	3	136	5	131	5	83	4	846
December .....	8	329	2	115	2	26	2	25	3	85
1956 - January .....	12	589	2	37	2	30	3	22	4	36
February .....	15	1,350	-	-	4	145	1	48	7	187
March .....	14	1,312	2	2,329	2	120	3	35	3	56
April .....	10	847	4	102	2	47	5	297	7	252
May .....	7	178	2	36	4	33	3	43	9	251
June .....	16	374	2	101	4	165	6	413	7	512
July .....	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August .....	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September .....	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October .....	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November .....	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December .....	10	2,031	1	60	4	60	6	118	3	55
1957 - January .....	26	1,886	2	54	8	127	10	661	3	633
February .....	17	996	2	39	2	87	4	145	6	128
March .....	18	583	4	61	3	173	6	561	5	71
April .....	16	652	1	3	4	50	11	278	8	293
May .....	21	861	2	128	1	30	2	51	4	268
June .....	16	506	4	339	4	54	5	102	4	145
Six months 1955 .....	68	3,231	17	788	19	907	25	475	37	1,129
Six months 1956 .....	74	4,650	12	2,605	18	540	21	858	37	1,292
Six months 1957 .....	114	5,484	15	624	22	521	38	1,798	30	1,538

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1955					1956					1957	
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
<b>Manufacturing</b>												
Under \$5,000 .....	16	12	15	16	59	15	15	15	9	54	17	7
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	45	29	25	35	134	38	43	48	51	180	53	52
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	10	10	3	13	36	16	13	10	15	54	21	15
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	8	12	5	12	37	9	15	3	6	33	5	1
Over \$100,000 .....	2	8	3	11	24	11	3	5	2	21	8	6
Total .....	81	71	51	87	290	89	89	81	83	342	104	81
<b>Construction</b>												
Under \$5,000 .....	19	8	12	18	57	15	7	13	14	49	15	3
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	49	30	35	53	167	50	40	43	49	182	59	41
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	7	12	12	14	45	17	20	16	18	71	23	15
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	10	4	-	10	24	8	9	12	14	43	14	10
Over \$100,000 .....	2	6	4	4	16	3	3	7	17	30	11	6
Total .....	87	60	63	99	309	93	79	91	112	375	122	75
<b>Trade</b>												
Under \$5,000 .....	41	33	19	29	122	28	35	23	31	117	37	26
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	129	117	98	106	450	113	108	116	119	456	136	143
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	30	21	16	33	100	26	36	21	38	121	29	38
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	18	18	10	12	58	17	22	9	15	63	22	22
Over \$100,000 .....	17	10	10	5	42	3	9	5	8	25	15	3
Total .....	235	199	153	185	772	187	210	174	211	782	239	232
<b>Service</b>												
Under \$5,000 .....	19	22	15	25	81	18	21	19	17	75	19	15
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	15	30	31	30	106	38	27	25	36	126	41	30
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	12	8	13	11	44	9	4	8	7	28	4	11
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	3	5	4	4	16	1	-	3	5	9	5	2
Over \$100,000 .....	-	2	1	-	3	4	1	3	-	8	-	-
Total .....	49	67	64	70	250	70	53	58	65	246	69	58
<b>Total Canada</b>												
Under \$5,000 .....	121	87	74	98	380	91	83	88	90	352	102	59
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	262	228	205	249	944	265	252	256	295	1,068	342	300
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	65	56	50	70	241	75	79	61	88	303	88	86
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	40	40	19	40	139	37	47	29	41	154	52	36
Over \$100,000 .....	22	27	19	23	91	23	17	20	30	90	36	20
Total .....	510	438	367	480	1,795	491	478	454	544	1,967	620	501
<b>Quebec</b>												
Under \$5,000 .....	96	70	68	84	318	68	58	81	79	286	86	49
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	165	139	130	170	604	168	160	174	197	699	224	193
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	39	24	28	43	134	38	51	39	36	164	47	36
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	26	23	8	18	75	19	25	14	18	76	24	11
Over \$100,000 .....	11	11	10	17	49	13	6	11	10	40	15	5
Total .....	337	267	244	332	1,180	306	300	319	340	1,265	396	294
<b>Ontario</b>												
Under \$5,000 .....	20	14	1	10	45	16	20	6	9	51	14	5
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	62	56	47	57	222	76	61	52	75	264	73	77
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	19	19	16	20	74	30	15	21	33	99	29	35
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	10	9	9	13	41	16	15	11	17	59	22	18
Over \$100,000 .....	5	12	3	4	24	7	5	4	18	34	14	9
Total .....	116	110	76	104	406	145	116	94	152	507	152	144

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1955 - April .....	36.0	51.5	32.4	43.0	41.5	20.5	47.0	32.3	32.7	43.1
May .....	24.6	163.0	18.9	35.6	22.2	15.1	27.2	50.2	20.4	15.6
June .....	27.6	42.9	21.9	36.3	17.4	52.3	36.8	30.6	32.5	12.4
July .....	25.1	54.5	18.5	25.5	87.3	15.0	18.6	16.9	27.6	20.5
August .....	29.2	155.3	19.8	41.2	64.7	20.8	25.8	37.7	32.6	22.3
September .....	24.4	75.0	18.7	37.7	33.4	10.5	52.3	20.3	26.0	16.7
October .....	25.7	12.0	26.1	23.5	22.6	40.8	51.3	18.9	20.5	20.0
November .....	37.7	21.3	36.2	28.6	26.9	211.5	85.8	23.0	26.0	9.5
December .....	51.9	10.7	32.7	133.9	27.6	28.3	163.5	54.3	21.6	11.3
1956 - January .....	23.0	-	21.9	28.7	12.7	8.5	53.3	18.2	18.9	12.9
February .....	42.4	40.5	24.9	74.7	38.6	26.7	111.7	28.2	23.3	10.6
March .....	49.4	13.7	37.8	37.8	354.8	18.7	79.9	82.3	22.7	60.8
April .....	29.2	82.7	16.9	49.8	40.5	36.0	41.8	41.9	26.8	11.1
May .....	22.2	11.0	21.5	29.7	12.4	27.9	17.0	24.0	28.8	7.3
June .....	27.9	20.0	25.7	16.5	56.5	73.1	41.7	19.7	28.3	10.2
July .....	24.0	27.3	17.8	43.4	49.6	14.0	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.7
August .....	31.7	73.6	31.8	21.5	18.2	98.7	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September .....	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.7	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.1
October .....	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	12.1	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November .....	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	10.3
December .....	53.4	69.6	49.8	70.6	21.6	18.3	38.8	75.1	24.3	11.0
1957 - January .....	32.7	19.4	23.2	48.2	42.1	211.0	43.9	45.6	23.4	7.9
February .....	31.1	48.9	24.2	48.7	33.9	21.3	32.9	41.7	31.1	14.0
March .....	33.1	12.6	21.9	53.3	61.1	14.2	24.0	47.0	41.6	19.2
April .....	26.2	36.4	18.2	37.2	20.7	36.6	29.2	26.3	23.5	16.9
May .....	24.4	39.0	15.6	35.1	41.8	67.0	22.7	46.9	21.1	13.2
June .....	24.5	38.2	16.7	34.1	38.1	36.3	30.6	28.4	21.2	15.9
Six months 1955 .....	27.2	64.8	22.5	33.5	35.6	30.5	30.1	31.1	29.9	20.5
Six months 1956 .....	32.6	37.3	24.9	41.0	78.5	34.9	59.1	39.9	25.0	20.6
Six months 1957 .....	28.8	32.1	20.5	42.9	39.2	51.3	31.6	40.8	26.5	14.5

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1955 - April .....	57	-	57	-	-	-	44	42	2	-
May .....	43	-	41	2	-	-	39	33	5	1
June .....	64	-	62	1	-	1	28	25	2	1
July .....	54	-	52	1	-	1	40	36	4	-
August .....	64	-	62	2	-	-	52	49	2	1
September .....	51	1	48	1	-	1	34	33	1	-
October .....	61	1	54	6	-	-	52	51	1	-
November .....	54	-	54	-	-	-	50	49	-	1
December .....	58	-	57	1	-	-	48	41	3	4
1956 - January .....	59	-	57	2	-	-	59	56	-	3
February .....	83	-	80	3	-	-	67	60	4	3
March .....	86	-	84	1	1	-	64	56	4	4
April .....	68	-	68	-	-	-	63	54	6	3
May .....	65	-	63	2	-	-	74	70	4	-
June .....	83	-	76	6	-	1	65	59	6	-
July .....	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August .....	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September .....	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October .....	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November .....	109	-	107	2	-	-	81	66	8	7
December .....	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
1957 - January .....	119	-	112	3	2	2	53	49	2	2
February .....	104	-	99	4	-	1	36	28	6	2
March .....	121	-	116	5	-	-	42	37	4	1
April .....	111	-	103	4	4	-	43	40	2	1
May .....	94	-	89	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	85	-	76	5	2	2	32	27	3	2
Six months 1955 .....	315	-	306	5	2	2	242	207	25	10
Six months 1956 .....	444	-	428	14	1	1	392	355	24	13
Six months 1957 .....	634	-	595	26	8	5	242	213	21	8

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

According to preliminary figures, the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 512 during the third quarter of 1957, a 13 per cent increase over the 454 insolvencies reported in the same period of 1956. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities, however, rose by almost 62 per cent, from \$12,596,000 in the third quarter of 1956 to \$20,351,000. Average liability per failure therefore, rose from \$27,700 to \$39,700. The number of failures of establishments with liabilities of over \$50,000 increased from 49 to 68 in the third quarter comparison.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, bankruptcies of trading establishments accounted for the largest number of failures during the third quarter of 1957. There were 219 such bankruptcies in the third quarter, as compared with 174 during the same period of 1956. Insolvencies of furniture, appliance and radio stores rose sharply in this comparison, as did failures of filling stations and automotive products dealers. The number of bankruptcies showed comparatively little change in total for other types of trading establishments.

Number of failures in the construction industry fell off from 91 in the third quarter of 1956 to 85, and insolvencies in manufacturing declined from 81 to 79. The number of bankruptcies in the services field was 58, unchanged from the same quarter of the previous year.

Although the number of manufacturing and construction failures declined in the third quarter, total estimated liabilities rose sharply in both sectors. Liabilities of bankrupt trading establishments showed a moderate advance and liabilities also rose slightly in the service industries. Liabilities of insolvent mines and financial establishments showed large increases.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the third quarter of 1957, the number of failures in Quebec fell off to 287 as compared with 319 for the same quarter of the preceding year. Estimated liabilities, however advanced from \$7,507,000 to \$8,230,000 in this comparison, with average liability per failure rising from \$23,500 to \$28,700. The number of failures in Ontario rose substantially from 94 in the third quarter of 1956 to 161. Liabilities increased from \$3,021,000 to \$9,096,000 with average liability per failure rising from \$32,100 to \$56,500. Number of bankruptcies in the Prairie Provinces rose from 20 to 32 in the third quarter comparison, with total liabilities rising from \$544,000 to \$1,914,000; average liability per failure went up from \$27,200 to \$59,800. Number of failures in British Columbia advanced from 8 to 19 in the third quarter comparison. Total liabilities increased from \$551,000 to \$706,000, but average liability per failure declined from \$68,800 to \$37,100. In the Atlantic Provinces, the number of insolvencies remained unchanged, but the amount of liabilities showed a large drop from the third quarter of the preceding year.

#### Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that over 71% of all failures during the third quarter involved relatively small businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000. In Quebec, 80 per cent of all failures were in this category, while in Ontario only 62 per cent of third quarter failures involved businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000. In the manufacturing sector, defaulting businesses with liabilities exceeding \$25,000 accounted for one-third of the failures in the third quarter and in the trade division failures of the larger concerns represented 28 per cent of the total.

#### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (The Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) but not failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by

Third Quarter, 1957

	THIRD QUAR-				
	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
	- Number -				
AGRICULTURE .....	-	11	1	-	-
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	2	-	-	1
MINING .....	-	1	-	-	-
MANUFACTURES -					
Foods and Beverages .....	-	5	3	1	-
Textiles .....	-	-	-	-	-
Clothing .....	-	10	1	-	-
Wood Products .....	2	10	2	-	2
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	3	-	-	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	1	18	2	-	-
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	5	4	-	-
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	10	2	-	-
Total Manufactures .....	3	61	14	1	2
CONSTRUCTION -					
General Contractors .....	1	25	14	1	1
Special Trade Contractors .....	1	31	13	3	1
Total Construction .....	2	56	27	4	2
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	-	13	1	1	-
TRADE -					
Food .....	-	29	9	1	-
General Merchandise .....	2	8	2	3	-
Automotive Products .....	1	1	2	-	-
Filling Stations .....	-	5	2	-	-
Clothing .....	-	13	6	2	-
Shoes .....	-	-	2	-	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	-	7	3	3	-
Furniture, Appliance & Radios .....	-	12	4	1	2
Fuel .....	1	5	-	-	-
Drugs .....	-	3	1	-	-
Jewellery .....	-	2	-	-	-
Other Trades .....	1	34	7	-	-
Total Trade .....	5	119	38	10	2
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	4	-	-	-
SERVICE -					
Community Service .....	-	5	-	-	-
Recreational Service .....	-	1	2	-	-
Business Service .....	-	3	1	-	-
Personal Service .....	1	33	9	3	-
Total Service .....	1	42	12	3	-
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	2	10	1	1	1
TOTAL .....	13	319	94	20	8



Economic Areas and Industries

with Comparisons

TER 1956		THIRD QUARTER 1957						
Total		Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Total	
Number	Liabilities						Number	Liabilities
	\$'000							\$'000
12	100	-	7	1	-	1	9	236
3	95	-	2	1	-	-	3	210
1	5	-	1	1	2	-	4	1,525
9	648	-	7	4	-	-	11	417
-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3	228
11	153	-	2	3	-	-	5	117
16	786	-	7	5	-	2	14	1,267
3	59	-	3	2	-	-	5	104
21	274	-	13	7	2	1	23	1,504
9	132	-	2	-	-	-	2	69
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	355	-	9	5	2	-	16	434
81	2,412	-	44	28	4	3	79	4,139
42	2,074	-	22	15	1	1	39	4,393
49	848	-	24	15	5	2	46	807
91	2,922	-	46	30	6	3	85	5,199
15	151	-	18	5	-	1	24	287
39	499	5	22	8	1	1	37	658
15	692	-	8	2	3	-	13	201
4	103	1	4	8	3	1	17	523
7	81	-	9	4	1	1	15	288
21	402	-	13	8	2	1	24	511
2	87	-	1	3	-	1	5	52
13	515	1	4	5	1	1	12	606
19	926	2	13	19	-	2	36	1,087
6	137	-	2	1	-	-	3	65
4	75	-	1	-	-	1	2	98
2	15	-	2	1	-	-	3	46
42	1,722	1	34	12	4	1	52	1,582
174	5,254	10	113	71	15	10	219	5,716
4	46	-	3	2	-	1	6	826
5	90	-	4	-	-	-	4	22
3	311	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	43	-	5	3	-	-	8	243
46	971	1	35	8	2	-	46	1,210
58	1,415	1	44	11	2	-	58	1,475
15	196	2	9	11	3	-	25	739
454	12,596	13	287	161	32	19	512	20,351

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1955								
April .....	145	5,222	1	18	32	1,504	8	492
May .....	154	3,787	6	65	20	543	5	122
June .....	139	3,841	5	65	19	699	4	240
July .....	107	2,682	5	58	16	297	4	118
August .....	113	3,306	3	45	20	515	4	123
September .....	147	3,586	5	22	15	785	1	19
October .....	156	4,008	1	5	26	1,335	6	621
November .....	168	6,327	2	25	36	3,088	4	408
December .....	156	8,104	6	32	25	4,087	5	340
1956								
January .....	166	3,825	2	21	26	1,386	2	8
February .....	145	6,150	6	130	34	3,797	6	1,081
March .....	180	8,893	3	70	29	2,317	4	211
April .....	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262
May .....	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12
June .....	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375
July .....	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79
August .....	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330
September .....	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377
October .....	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58
November .....	185	5,718	5	65	28	667	5	98
December .....	175	9,349	5	96	25	970	2	33
1957								
January .....	236	7,721	9	111	40	1,755	8	541
February .....	209	6,495	5	107	34	1,118	9	218
March .....	175	5,787	4	57	30	720	7	280
April .....	169	4,171	3	126	27	790	8	165
May .....	157	3,837	3	22	24	545	2	209
June .....	175	4,282	3	31	30	919	4	213
July .....	168	5,683	2	18	23	910	4	89
August .....	172	9,518	1	59	27	1,626	3	191
September .....	172	5,151	6	158	29	1,603	7	988
Nine months 1955 .....	1,315	35,338	50	548	203	6,174	35	1,296
Nine months 1956 .....	1,423	44,172	32	444	259	12,935	38	2,735
Nine months 1957 .....	1,633	52,645	36	689	264	9,986	52	2,894
Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total		
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	
		Number	Liab.					
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		
1955								
April .....	9	236	16	517	5	98	64	2,091
May .....	6	214	25	1,255	8	80	75	1,531
June .....	4	25	19	581	5	173	60	1,951
July .....	2	6	19	321	5	98	43	1,186
August .....	6	45	19	716	2	43	46	1,501
September .....	4	447	25	507	8	93	64	1,661
October .....	7	149	30	567	5	35	58	1,185
November .....	17	1,916	25	574	4	509	70	1,821
December .....	11	359	44	2,387	6	30	57	1,23
1956								
January .....	7	68	29	528	6	34	65	1,23
February .....	10	1,685	26	733	8	41	52	1,21
March .....	12	170	38	3,129	9	119	70	1,61

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1956								
April .....	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117
May .....	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077
June .....	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687
July .....	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248
August .....	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489
September .....	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518
October .....	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891
November .....	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626
December .....	7	103	31	2,327	8	254	71	1,725
1957								
January .....	14	558	48	2,187	12	88	94	2,199
February .....	9	129	44	1,834	13	393	80	2,491
March .....	5	66	30	1,409	6	135	65	2,703
April .....	8	132	27	711	8	73	74	1,741
May .....	10	100	29	1,362	6	80	70	1,480
June .....	8	343	19	539	8	82	88	1,863
July .....	7	85	32	800	2	22	73	2,463
August .....	8	1,114	34	4,068	11	107	69	1,502
September .....	8	305	19	332	11	157	77	1,752
Nine months 1955 .....	63	1,462	210	6,123	53	836	587	17,308
Nine months 1956 .....	84	2,921	263	9,784	59	618	571	15,199
Nine months 1957 .....	77	2,831	282	13,242	77	1,137	690	18,194
	T r a d e							
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Service	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1955								
April .....	11	172	9	156	12	362	22	949
May .....	14	260	8	294	10	222	16	249
June .....	17	632	12	408	9	190	29	359
July .....	7	82	7	340	3	74	17	348
August .....	14	603	5	115	6	83	21	468
September .....	18	357	9	135	8	149	26	434
October .....	14	214	8	164	5	134	31	620
November .....	18	463	11	228	6	261	24	228
December .....	11	104	6	86	3	40	15	170
1956								
January .....	16	163	8	141	11	246	32	414
February .....	8	141	10	85	11	450	14	149
March .....	22	577	11	138	6	189	24	1,459
April .....	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245
May .....	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109
June .....	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163
July .....	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697
August .....	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366
September .....	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352
October .....	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368
November .....	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367
December .....	18	258	12	168	11	357	24	265
1957								
January .....	14	153	17	169	12	758	25	197
February .....	15	287	13	304	13	589	20	281
March .....	12	123	9	212	11	349	24	461
April .....	15	438	10	173	10	308	21	355
May .....	14	290	12	172	12	445	18	238
June .....	16	292	13	346	12	378	19	303
July .....	16	331	10	273	11	261	21	710
August .....	10	116	7	160	11	409	19	227
September .....	11	212	7	78	14	417	18	538
Nine months 1955 .....	132	3,393	81	2,193	79	2,546	180	3,625
Nine months 1956 .....	124	2,131	63	969	89	3,968	181	3,954
Nine months 1957 .....	123	2,242	98	1,887	106	3,914	185	3,310

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months,  
Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1955 - July .....	107	2,682	4	218	69	1,278	36	686	23	587
August .....	113	3,306	3	466	74	1,467	35	783	22	906
September .....	147	3,586	1	150	101	1,889	45	1,071	31	1,170
October .....	156	4,008	1	12	110	2,873	45	1,656	35	823
November .....	168	6,327	3	64	110	3,981	52	2,797	38	1,086
December .....	156	8,104	4	43	112	3,659	39	1,337	31	4,152
1956 - January .....	166	3,825	-	-	110	2,409	55	727	45	1,293
February .....	145	6,150	4	162	81	2,020	43	1,169	48	3,587
March .....	180	8,893	3	41	115	4,345	54	2,999	52	1,967
April .....	174	5,084	3	248	106	1,796	45	535	47	2,342
May .....	164	3,716	1	11	117	2,510	38	1,012	28	832
June .....	140	3,908	3	60	77	1,980	36	1,051	41	677
July .....	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August .....	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September .....	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October .....	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November .....	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December .....	175	9,349	5	348	111	5,531	49	4,587	45	3,177
1957 - January .....	236	7,721	5	97	155	3,594	64	1,333	53	2,554
February .....	209	6,495	6	294	139	3,368	61	1,442	50	2,435
March .....	175	5,787	6	76	102	2,235	39	1,113	49	2,611
April .....	169	4,171	2	73	97	1,761	50	867	46	1,712
May .....	157	3,837	4	156	95	1,491	37	483	49	1,719
June .....	175	4,282	7	268	102	1,701	42	819	49	1,673
July .....	168	5,683	2	12	89	2,750	42	1,796	55	1,876
August .....	172	9,518	7	198	89	3,300	42	2,299	54	4,718
September .....	172	5,151	4	195	109	2,180	42	985	52	2,502
Nine months 1955 .....	1,315	35,338	28	2,129	848	18,233	368	9,445	302	10,238
Nine months 1956 .....	1,423	44,173	27	1,495	925	22,566	408	11,365	355	13,719
Nine months 1957 .....	1,633	52,645	43	1,369	977	22,380	419	11,137	457	21,800
	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1955 - July .....	4	57	1	23	2	452	3	49	5	75
August .....	6	201	-	-	4	259	-	-	10	208
September .....	4	480	3	48	3	37	4	249	4	42
October .....	9	244	1	33	2	72	3	31	4	163
November .....	11	305	3	136	5	131	5	83	4	846
December .....	8	329	2	115	2	26	2	25	3	85
1956 - January .....	12	589	2	37	2	30	3	22	4	34
February .....	15	1,350	-	-	4	145	1	48	7	187
March .....	14	1,312	2	2,329	2	120	3	35	3	56
April .....	10	847	4	102	2	47	5	297	7	252
May .....	7	178	2	36	4	33	3	43	9	251
June .....	16	374	2	101	4	165	6	413	7	512
July .....	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August .....	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September .....	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October .....	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November .....	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December .....	10	2,031	1	60	4	60	6	118	3	55
1957 - January .....	26	1,886	2	54	8	127	10	661	3	633
February .....	17	996	2	39	2	87	4	145	6	128
March .....	18	583	4	61	3	173	6	561	5	71
April .....	16	652	1	3	4	50	11	278	8	293
May .....	21	861	2	128	1	30	2	51	4	263
June .....	16	506	4	339	4	54	5	102	4	145
July .....	16	790	5	333	3	226	6	136	8	351
August .....	21	598	2	35	3	931	10	186	7	149
September .....	19	646	-	-	2	19	1	49	4	205
Nine months 1955 .....	82	3,969	21	859	28	1,655	32	773	56	1,454
Nine months 1956 .....	93	5,153	17	2,691	24	833	30	1,022	45	1,842
Nine months 1957 .....	170	7,518	22	992	30	1,697	55	2,169	49	2,238

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1955				1956					1957		
	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>												
Under \$5,000 .....	12	15	16	59	15	15	15	9	54	17	7	11
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	29	25	35	134	38	43	48	51	180	53	52	42
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	10	3	13	36	16	13	10	15	54	21	15	8
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	12	5	12	37	9	15	3	6	33	5	1	11
Over \$100,000 .....	8	3	11	24	11	3	5	2	21	8	6	7
Total .....	71	51	87	290	89	89	81	83	342	104	81	79
<u>Construction</u>												
Under \$5,000 .....	8	12	18	57	15	7	13	14	49	15	3	7
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	30	35	53	167	50	40	43	49	182	59	41	54
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	12	12	14	45	17	20	16	18	71	23	15	16
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	4	-	10	24	8	9	12	14	43	14	10	5
Over \$100,000 .....	6	4	4	16	3	3	7	17	30	11	6	3
Total .....	60	63	99	309	93	79	91	112	375	122	75	85
<u>Trade</u>												
Under \$5,000 .....	33	19	29	122	28	35	23	31	117	37	26	32
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	117	98	106	450	113	108	116	119	456	136	143	125
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	21	16	33	100	26	36	21	38	121	29	38	36
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	18	10	12	58	17	22	9	15	63	22	22	18
Over \$100,000 .....	10	10	5	42	3	9	5	8	25	15	3	8
Total .....	199	153	185	772	187	210	174	211	782	239	232	219
<u>Service</u>												
Under \$5,000 .....	22	15	25	81	18	21	19	17	75	19	15	17
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	30	31	30	106	38	27	25	36	126	41	30	29
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	8	13	11	44	9	4	8	7	28	4	11	9
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	5	4	4	16	1	-	3	5	9	5	2	-
Over \$100,000 .....	2	1	-	3	4	1	3	-	8	-	-	3
Total .....	67	64	70	250	70	53	58	65	246	69	58	58
<u>Total Canada</u>												
Under \$5,000 .....	87	74	98	380	91	83	88	90	352	102	59	83
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	228	205	249	944	265	252	256	295	1,068	342	300	283
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	56	50	70	241	75	79	61	88	303	88	86	78
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	40	19	40	139	37	47	29	41	154	52	36	40
Over \$100,000 .....	27	19	23	91	23	17	20	30	90	36	20	28
Total .....	438	367	480	1,795	491	478	454	544	1,967	620	501	512
<u>Quebec</u>												
Under \$5,000 .....	70	68	84	318	68	58	81	79	286	86	49	68
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	139	130	170	604	168	160	174	197	699	224	193	160
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	24	28	43	134	38	51	39	36	164	47	36	32
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	23	8	18	75	19	25	14	18	76	24	11	16
Over \$100,000 .....	11	10	17	49	13	6	11	10	40	15	5	11
Total .....	267	244	332	1,180	306	300	319	340	1,265	396	294	287
<u>Ontario</u>												
Under \$5,000 .....	14	1	10	45	16	20	6	9	51	14	5	14
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	56	47	57	222	76	61	52	75	264	73	77	86
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	19	16	20	74	30	15	21	33	99	29	35	35
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	9	9	13	41	16	15	11	17	59	22	18	14
Over \$100,000 .....	12	3	4	24	7	5	4	18	34	14	9	12
Total .....	110	76	104	406	145	116	94	152	507	152	144	161



Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars-										
1955 - July .....	25.1	54.5	18.5	25.5	87.3	15.0	18.6	16.9	27.6	20.5
August .....	29.2	155.3	19.8	41.2	64.7	20.8	25.8	37.7	32.6	22.3
September .....	24.4	75.0	18.7	37.7	33.4	10.5	52.3	20.3	26.0	16.7
October .....	25.7	12.0	26.1	23.5	22.6	40.8	51.3	18.9	20.5	20.0
November .....	37.7	21.3	36.2	28.6	26.9	211.5	85.8	23.0	26.0	9.5
December .....	51.9	10.7	32.7	133.9	27.6	28.3	163.5	54.3	21.6	11.3
1956 - January .....	23.0	-	21.9	28.7	12.8	8.5	53.3	18.2	18.9	12.9
February .....	42.4	40.4	24.9	74.7	38.7	26.8	111.7	28.2	23.3	10.7
March .....	49.4	13.7	37.8	37.8	354.8	18.5	79.9	82.3	23.1	60.8
April .....	29.2	82.5	16.9	49.8	40.6	36.0	41.8	41.9	26.8	11.1
May .....	22.7	10.7	21.5	29.7	12.5	27.9	17.0	26.1	28.8	7.3
June .....	27.9	20.2	25.7	16.5	56.6	73.1	41.7	19.7	28.6	10.2
July .....	24.0	27.4	17.8	43.3	49.6	14.2	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.3
August .....	31.7	73.7	31.8	21.5	18.4	98.8	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September .....	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.9	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.2
October .....	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	20.5	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November .....	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	16.0
December .....	53.4	69.6	49.8	70.6	21.6	18.3	38.8	75.1	24.3	11.0
1957 - January .....	32.7	19.4	23.2	48.2	42.1	211.0	43.9	45.6	23.4	7.9
February .....	31.1	48.9	24.2	48.7	33.9	21.3	32.9	41.7	31.1	14.0
March .....	33.1	12.6	21.9	53.3	61.1	14.2	24.0	47.0	41.6	19.2
April .....	24.7	36.4	18.2	37.2	20.7	36.6	29.2	26.3	23.5	16.9
May .....	24.4	39.0	15.7	35.1	41.8	65.7	22.7	47.0	21.1	13.2
June .....	24.5	38.2	16.7	34.1	38.1	36.3	30.6	28.4	21.2	16.0
July .....	33.8	5.9	30.9	34.1	49.6	43.9	39.6	25.0	33.7	33.8
August .....	55.3	28.3	37.1	87.4	76.8	21.4	60.2	119.6	21.8	12.0
September .....	29.9	48.8	20.0	48.1	22.8	51.3	55.3	17.5	22.7	29.9
Nine months 1955 .....	26.9	76.0	21.5	33.9	40.6	26.0	30.4	29.2	29.5	20.1
Nine months 1956 .....	31.0	55.4	24.4	38.6	64.1	40.9	49.9	37.2	26.6	21.8
Nine months 1957 .....	32.2	31.8	22.9	47.7	45.4	45.7	37.8	47.0	26.4	17.9

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1955 - July .....	54	-	52	1	-	1	40	36	4	-
August .....	64	-	62	2	-	-	52	49	2	1
September .....	51	1	48	1	-	1	34	33	1	-
October .....	61	1	54	6	-	-	52	51	1	-
November .....	54	-	54	-	-	-	50	49	-	1
December .....	58	-	57	1	-	-	48	41	3	4
1956 - January .....	59	-	57	2	-	-	59	56	-	3
February .....	83	-	80	3	-	-	67	60	4	3
March .....	86	-	84	1	1	-	64	56	4	4
April .....	68	-	68	-	-	-	63	54	6	3
May .....	65	-	63	2	-	-	74	70	4	-
June .....	83	-	76	6	-	1	65	59	6	-
July .....	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August .....	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September .....	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October .....	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November .....	110	-	107	2	-	1	81	66	8	7
December .....	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
1957 - January .....	119	-	112	3	2	2	53	49	2	2
February .....	104	-	99	4	-	1	36	28	6	2
March .....	121	-	116	5	-	-	42	37	4	1
April .....	111	-	103	4	3	1	43	40	2	1
May .....	94	-	89	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	85	-	76	5	2	2	32	27	3	2
July .....	115	-	110	5	-	-	26	23	2	1
August .....	110	1	105	3	4	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	113	1	110	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
Nine months 1955 .....	484	1	468	9	2	4	368	325	32	11
Nine months 1956 .....	678	1	660	15	1	1	551	508	29	14
Nine months 1957 .....	972	2	920	36	11	7	349	310	25	14

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COMMERCIAL FAILURES

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During 1957, the total number of business insolvencies recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts rose to 2,198 as compared with 1,967 in 1956, an increase of nearly 12 per cent. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$70,064,000, an advance of 9 per cent over the (revised) total for the previous year. Average liability per failure thus fell off slightly from \$32,700 in 1956 to \$31,900 in 1957.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the Trade sector accounted for the largest share of bankruptcies. Failures of trading establishments rose from 782 in 1956 to 915, an increase of 17 per cent. Insolvencies of filling stations more than doubled over the twelve months, and those of clothing stores rose nearly 45 per cent. Bankruptcies of furniture, appliance and radio stores increased slightly, while failures of fuel dealers, food stores, general merchants and drug stores declined. Insolvencies of manufacturing establishments increased from 342 to 364, with bankruptcies of wood products enterprises advancing by nearly 37 per cent. Insolvencies of construction and service establishments showed little change from the previous year. Bankruptcies of transportation businesses rose from 83 to 99 in 1957.

Estimated liabilities rose appreciably in the trade and transportation sectors, but declined in the manufacturing, finance and service fields. Construction liabilities showed a small advance. Of the main groups, construction showed the highest average liability per failure of \$46,000. Average liability of manufacturing firms declined from \$44,100 in 1956 to \$35,900 in 1957.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

In 1957, as in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in Quebec where 1,327 businesses were declared bankrupt as compared with 1,265 during the previous year. However Quebec's percentage of the Canadian total declined from 64 per cent to 60 per cent in 1957. Total estimated liabilities in Quebec declined from \$32,704,000 to \$30,427,000, with average liability per failure falling off from \$25,900 in 1956 to \$22,900. Bankruptcies in Ontario increased from 507 to 640, and total estimated liabilities from \$21,842,000 to \$30,552,000. Average liability per failure therefore rose from \$43,100 to \$47,700. Number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces advanced from 98 to 122; total liabilities for the area, however declined from \$5,223,000 to \$5,171,000. Failures and liabilities in British Columbia showed little change. In the Atlantic region, number of failures rose from 37 to 51 but total estimated liabilities declined.

Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involves businesses in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 liability range. In 1957, there were 1,244 defaulting firms in this category compared with 1,068 last year, accounting for nearly 57 per cent of all failures. There was also a sizeable advance in the number of larger establishments failing during 1957. The number of bankruptcies of very small establishments with liabilities of under \$5,000 fell off slightly. In the province of Quebec the number of failures with liabilities of under \$5,000 still made up over 20 per cent of the provincial total during 1957, as compared with only 8 per cent in Ontario.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (The Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) but not failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter, and Year 1957 with Comparisons

	THE FOURTH QUARTER								THE YEAR				
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prairie Provinces	B.C.	Total Fourth Quarter				Total			
						Number		Liabilities		Number		Liabilities	
						1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
- Number -						\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000		
AGRICULTURE .....	-	11	1	1	-	13	13	248	181	49	45	937	625
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	3	-	-	-	3	1	26	8	14	10	556	178
MINING .....	-	2	4	-	-	6	1	1,646	56	15	3	3,455	81
MANUFACTURES													
Foods and Beverages .....	1	4	3	-	-	8	10	120	423	39	37	1,181	1,466
Textiles .....	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	119	-	5	2	347	57
Clothing .....	-	6	3	-	-	9	7	317	78	34	42	1,316	1,047
Wood Products .....	-	11	4	-	-	15	11	581	189	67	49	3,475	2,925
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	5	1	-	-	6	10	215	255	26	26	724	760
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	23	13	1	-	37	27	1,117	571	114	111	3,948	3,492
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	6	3	-	-	9	8	314	102	23	34	608	3,418
Chemical Products .....	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	55	-	3	2	95	36
Other Industries .....	-	11	2	-	-	13	10	244	532	53	39	1,375	1,882
Total Manufactures .....	1	67	31	1	-	100	83	3,083	2,149	364	342	13,069	15,084
CONSTRUCTION													
General Contractors .....	1	31	21	2	-	55	64	3,028	5,795	202	187	12,693	10,479
Special Trade Contractors .....	-	17	15	3	-	35	48	856	1,210	170	188	4,433	6,310
Total Construction .....	1	48	36	5	-	90	112	3,884	7,004	372	375	17,126	16,789
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	-	13	8	1	-	22	24	291	417	99	83	1,430	1,035
TRADE													
Food .....	2	27	12	-	1	42	50	1,046	924	165	174	3,288	3,054
General Merchandise .....	-	3	-	-	-	3	11	72	225	39	60	612	1,525
Automotive Products .....	-	8	2	-	-	10	16	472	802	49	39	1,800	1,602
Filling Stations .....	1	8	4	-	-	13	9	152	52	52	25	760	203
Clothing .....	-	22	12	2	2	38	31	868	418	136	94	2,755	1,387
Shoes .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	-	101	-	17	8	342	226
Hardware & Building Materials ..	-	11	4	1	1	17	12	561	377	67	57	2,404	1,826
Furniture, Appliances & Radios ..	-	12	12	-	1	25	36	693	1,535	131	125	4,608	5,504
Fuel .....	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	48	66	9	15	280	286
Drugs .....	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	6	50	4	13	122	230
Jewellery .....	1	1	3	1	-	6	1	92	28	25	15	583	272
Other Trades .....	1	41	22	1	1	66	39	1,158	766	221	157	5,909	4,326
Total Trade .....	5	135	74	5	6	225	211	5,268	5,242	915	782	23,462	20,440
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	12	4	-	-	16	15	729	3,666	38	28	3,212	4,054
SERVICE													
Community Service .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	7	11	64	11	16	70	907
Recreational Service .....	-	5	2	-	-	7	3	124	53	17	15	378	592
Business Service .....	-	4	5	-	1	10	9	299	126	26	23	630	766
Personal Service .....	1	32	10	1	-	44	46	945	756	193	192	3,609	2,689
Total Service .....	1	42	17	1	1	62	65	1,378	999	247	246	4,688	4,953
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	17	8	1	2	28	19	865	359	85	53	2,127	1,014
TOTAL .....	8	350	183	15	9	565	544	17,420	20,082	2,198	1,967	70,064	64,254

Table 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<b>1956</b>								
January .....	166	3,825	2	21	26	1,386	2	8
February .....	145	6,150	6	130	34	3,797	6	1,081
March .....	180	8,893	3	70	29	2,317	4	211
April .....	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262
May .....	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12
June .....	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375
July .....	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79
August .....	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330
September .....	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377
October .....	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58
November .....	185	5,718	5	65	28	667	5	98
December .....	175	9,349	5	96	25	970	2	33
<b>1957</b>								
January .....	236	7,721	9	111	40	1,755	8	541
February .....	209	6,495	5	107	34	1,118	9	218
March .....	175	5,787	4	57	30	720	7	280
April .....	169	4,171	3	126	27	790	8	165
May .....	157	3,837	3	22	24	545	2	209
June .....	175	4,282	3	31	30	919	4	213
July .....	168	5,683	2	18	23	910	4	89
August .....	172	9,518	1	59	27	1,626	3	191
September .....	172	5,151	6	158	29	1,603	7	988
October .....	198	7,162	3	25	37	812	7	272
November .....	193	5,349	7	153	38	1,238	4	109
December .....	174	4,908	3	70	25	1,032	4	201
Twelve months 1956 .....	1,967	64,254	45	625	342	15,084	49	2,925
Twelve months 1957 .....	2,198	70,064	49	937	364	13,069	67	3,475
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<b>1956</b>								
January .....	7	68	29	528	6	34	65	1,231
February .....	10	1,685	26	733	8	41	52	1,213
March .....	12	170	38	3,129	9	119	70	1,619
April .....	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117
May .....	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077
June .....	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687
July .....	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248
August .....	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489
September .....	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518
October .....	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891
November .....	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626
December .....	7	103	31	2,327	8	254	71	1,725



Table 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1957								
January .....	14	558	48	2,187	12	88	94	2,199
February .....	9	129	44	1,834	13	393	80	2,491
March .....	5	66	30	1,409	6	135	65	2,703
April .....	8	132	27	711	8	73	74	1,741
May .....	10	100	29	1,362	6	80	70	1,480
June .....	8	343	19	539	8	82	88	1,863
July .....	7	85	32	800	2	22	73	2,463
August .....	8	1,114	34	4,068	11	107	69	1,502
September .....	8	305	19	332	11	157	77	1,752
October .....	14	184	31	2,141	7	114	83	1,738
November .....	15	655	32	993	7	104	71	1,588
December .....	8	278	27	750	8	73	71	1,943
Twelve months 1956 .....	111	3,492	375	16,789	83	1,035	782	20,440
Twelve months 1957 .....	114	3,948	372	17,126	99	1,430	915	23,462
T r a d e								
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Service	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1956								
January .....	16	163	8	141	11	246	32	414
February .....	8	141	10	85	11	450	14	149
March .....	22	577	11	138	6	189	24	1,459
April .....	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245
May .....	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109
June .....	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163
July .....	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697
August .....	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366
September .....	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352
October .....	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368
November .....	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367
December .....	18	258	12	168	11	357	24	265
1957								
January .....	14	153	17	169	12	758	25	197
February .....	15	287	13	304	13	589	20	281
March .....	12	123	9	212	11	349	24	461
April .....	15	438	10	173	10	308	21	355
May .....	14	290	12	172	12	445	18	238
June .....	16	292	13	346	12	378	19	303
July .....	16	331	10	273	11	261	21	710
August .....	10	116	7	160	11	409	19	227
September .....	11	212	7	78	14	417	18	538
October .....	16	353	10	142	6	182	22	508
November .....	10	162	14	303	10	291	12	155
December .....	16	531	14	423	9	221	28	716
Twelve months 1956 .....	174	3,054	94	1,387	125	5,504	246	4,953
Twelve months 1957 .....	165	3,288	136	2,755	131	4,608	247	4,688



Table 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1956 - January .....	166	3,825	-	-	110	2,409	55	727	45	1,293
February .....	145	6,150	4	162	81	2,020	43	1,169	48	3,587
March .....	180	8,893	3	41	115	4,345	54	2,999	52	1,967
April .....	174	5,084	3	248	106	1,796	45	535	47	2,342
May .....	164	3,716	1	11	117	2,510	38	1,012	28	832
June .....	140	3,908	3	60	77	1,980	36	1,051	41	677
July .....	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August .....	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September .....	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October .....	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November .....	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December .....	175	9,349	5	348	111	5,531	49	4,587	45	3,177
1957 - January .....	236	7,721	5	97	155	3,594	64	1,333	53	2,554
February .....	209	6,495	6	294	139	3,368	61	1,442	50	2,435
March .....	175	5,787	6	76	102	2,235	39	1,113	49	2,611
April .....	169	4,171	2	73	97	1,761	50	867	46	1,712
May .....	157	3,837	4	156	95	1,491	37	483	49	1,719
June .....	175	4,282	7	268	102	1,701	42	819	49	1,673
July .....	168	5,683	2	12	89	2,750	42	1,796	55	1,876
August .....	172	9,518	7	198	89	3,300	42	2,299	54	4,718
September .....	172	5,151	4	195	109	2,180	42	985	52	2,502
October .....	198	7,162	2	30	116	2,347	52	814	73	4,648
November .....	193	5,349	1	7	125	3,143	51	1,022	58	1,997
December .....	174	4,908	5	66	109	2,557	38	901	52	2,106
Twelve months 1956 .....	1,967	64,254	37	2,049	1,265	32,704	559	18,549	507	21,842
Twelve months 1957 .....	2,198	70,064	51	1,470	1,327	30,427	560	13,874	640	30,552

	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1956 - January .....	12	589	2	37	2	30	3	22	4	34
February .....	15	1,350	-	-	4	145	1	48	7	187
March .....	14	1,312	2	2,329	2	120	3	35	3	56
April .....	10	847	4	102	2	47	5	297	7	252
May .....	7	178	2	36	4	33	3	43	9	251
June .....	16	374	2	101	4	165	6	413	7	512
July .....	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August .....	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September .....	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October .....	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November .....	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December .....	10	2,031	1	60	4	60	6	118	3	55
1957 - January .....	26	1,886	2	54	8	127	10	661	3	633
February .....	17	996	2	39	2	87	4	145	6	128
March .....	18	583	4	61	3	173	6	561	5	71
April .....	16	652	1	3	4	50	11	278	8	293
May .....	21	861	2	128	1	30	2	51	4	263
June .....	16	506	4	339	4	54	5	102	4	145
July .....	16	790	5	333	3	226	6	136	8	351
August .....	21	598	2	35	3	931	10	186	7	149
September .....	19	646	-	-	2	19	1	49	4	205
October .....	34	2,946	1	13	-	-	1	8	5	117
November .....	23	864	2	51	2	15	2	71	3	65
December .....	25	1,279	1	48	2	45	4	62	1	24
Twelve months 1956 .....	134	9,410	23	2,943	34	1,002	41	1,278	60	2,437
Twelve months 1957 .....	252	12,607	26	1,104	34	1,756	62	2,311	58	2,444

Table 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1 9 5 6					1 9 5 7				
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	15	15	9	54	17	7	11	18	53
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	38	43	48	51	180	53	52	42	54	201
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	16	13	10	15	54	21	15	8	10	54
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	9	15	3	6	33	5	1	11	12	29
Over \$100,000 .....	11	3	5	2	21	8	6	7	6	27
Total .....	89	89	81	83	342	104	81	79	100	364
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	7	13	14	49	15	3	7	8	33
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	50	40	43	49	182	59	41	54	53	207
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	17	20	16	18	71	23	15	16	14	68
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	8	9	12	14	43	14	10	5	8	37
Over \$100,000 .....	3	3	7	17	30	11	6	3	7	27
Total .....	93	79	91	112	375	122	75	85	90	372
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	28	35	23	31	117	37	26	32	39	134
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	113	108	116	119	456	136	143	125	124	528
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	26	36	21	38	121	29	38	36	39	142
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	17	22	9	15	63	22	22	18	16	78
Over \$100,000 .....	3	9	5	8	25	15	3	8	7	33
Total .....	187	210	174	211	782	239	232	219	225	915
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	21	19	17	75	19	15	17	11	62
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	38	27	25	36	126	41	30	29	39	139
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	9	4	8	7	28	4	11	9	4	28
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	1	-	3	5	9	5	2	-	5	12
Over \$100,000 .....	4	1	3	-	8	-	-	3	3	6
Total .....	70	53	58	65	246	69	58	58	62	247
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	91	83	88	90	352	102	59	83	92	336
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	265	252	256	295	1,068	342	300	283	319	1,244
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	75	79	61	88	303	88	86	78	81	333
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	37	47	29	41	154	52	36	40	45	173
Over \$100,000 .....	23	17	20	30	90	36	20	28	28	112
Total .....	491	478	454	544	1,967	620	501	512	565	2,198
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	68	58	81	79	286	86	49	68	73	276
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	168	160	174	197	699	224	193	160	198	775
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	38	51	39	36	164	47	36	32	45	160
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	19	25	14	18	76	24	11	16	24	75
Over \$100,000 .....	13	6	11	10	40	15	5	11	10	41
Total .....	306	300	319	340	1,265	396	294	287	350	1,327
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	20	6	9	51	14	5	14	16	49
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	76	61	52	75	264	73	77	86	99	335
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	30	15	21	33	99	29	35	35	33	132
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	16	15	11	17	59	22	18	14	18	72
Over \$100,000 .....	7	5	4	18	34	14	9	12	17	52
Total .....	145	116	94	152	507	152	144	161	183	640

Table 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups.

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1956										
January .....	23.0	-	21.9	28.7	12.8	8.5	53.3	18.2	18.9	12.9
February .....	42.4	40.4	24.9	74.7	38.7	26.8	111.7	28.2	23.3	10.7
March .....	49.4	13.7	37.8	37.8	354.8	18.5	79.9	82.3	23.1	60.8
April .....	29.2	82.5	16.9	49.8	40.6	36.0	41.8	41.9	26.8	11.1
May .....	22.7	10.7	21.5	29.7	12.5	27.9	17.0	26.1	28.8	7.3
June .....	27.9	20.2	25.7	16.5	56.6	73.1	41.7	19.7	28.6	10.2
July .....	24.0	27.4	17.8	43.3	49.6	14.2	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.3
August .....	31.7	73.7	31.8	21.5	18.4	98.8	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September .....	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.9	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.2
October .....	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	20.5	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November .....	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	16.0
December .....	53.4	69.6	49.8	70.6	21.6	18.3	38.8	75.1	24.3	11.0
1957										
January .....	32.7	19.4	23.2	48.2	42.1	211.0	43.9	45.6	23.4	7.9
February .....	31.1	48.9	24.2	48.7	33.9	21.3	32.9	41.7	31.1	14.0
March .....	33.1	12.6	21.9	53.3	61.1	14.2	24.0	47.0	41.6	19.2
April .....	24.7	36.4	18.2	37.2	20.7	36.6	29.2	26.3	23.5	16.9
May .....	24.4	39.0	15.7	35.1	41.8	65.7	22.7	47.0	21.1	13.2
June .....	24.5	38.2	16.7	34.1	38.1	36.3	30.6	28.4	21.2	16.0
July .....	33.8	5.9	30.9	34.1	49.6	43.9	39.6	25.0	33.7	33.8
August .....	55.3	28.3	37.1	87.4	76.8	21.4	60.2	119.6	21.8	12.0
September .....	29.9	48.8	20.0	48.1	22.8	51.3	55.3	17.5	22.7	29.9
October .....	36.2	15.0	20.2	63.7	10.5	23.3	22.0	69.1	20.9	23.1
November .....	27.7	7.0	25.1	34.4	22.9	21.6	32.6	31.0	22.4	12.9
December .....	28.2	13.2	23.5	40.5	22.1	24.1	41.3	27.8	27.4	25.6
The year 1956 .....	32.7	55.4	25.9	43.1	53.3	40.6	44.1	44.8	26.1	20.1
The year 1957 .....	31.9	28.8	22.9	47.7	42.4	42.1	35.9	46.0	25.6	19.0

Table 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas.

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1956										
January .....	59	-	57	2	-	-	59	56	-	3
February .....	83	-	80	3	-	-	67	60	4	3
March .....	86	-	84	1	1	-	64	56	4	4
April .....	68	-	68	-	-	-	63	54	6	3
May .....	65	-	63	2	-	-	74	70	4	-
June .....	83	-	76	6	-	1	65	59	6	-
July .....	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August .....	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September .....	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October .....	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November .....	110	-	107	2	-	1	81	66	8	7
December .....	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
1957										
January .....	119	-	112	3	2	2	53	49	2	2
February .....	104	-	99	4	-	1	36	28	6	2
March .....	121	-	116	5	-	-	42	37	4	1
April .....	111	-	103	4	3	1	43	40	2	1
May .....	94	-	89	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	85	-	76	5	2	2	32	27	3	2
July .....	115	-	110	5	-	-	26	23	2	1
August .....	114	1	105	3	4	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	113	1	110	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
October .....	120	-	114	5	1	-	52	47	5	-
November .....	121	-	116	3	1	1	61	55	4	2
December .....	103	1	95	5	2	-	72	67	4	1
12 months 1956 .....	974	1	950	20	1	2	812	738	49	25
12 months 1957 .....	1,320	3	1,245	49	15	8	534	479	38	17



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COMMERCIAL FAILURES

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the first quarter of 1958 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 618, virtually unchanged from the revised total of 620 for the first quarter of 1957. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities for the first quarter was \$20,175,000, slightly higher than the corresponding 1957 total of \$20,002,000. Average liability per failure, therefore, was \$32,600 for the first quarter as compared with \$32,300 for the same period of 1957.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the trade sector accounted for the largest share of bankruptcies. Failures of all trading establishments rose from 239 in the first quarter of 1957 to 255. Insolvencies of food stores, of establishments selling automotive products and of filling stations rose as compared with the same period of 1957, while failures of clothing stores and hardware and building materials businesses showed declines. Bankruptcies of construction establishments fell off by nearly 25 per cent to 93 as compared with 122 in the first quarter of 1957. There were distinctly fewer failures of both "general" and "special" contractors.

Bankruptcies of manufacturers increased from 104 to 113 in the first quarter comparison with failures of clothing producers, and manufacturers of iron and steel and transportation equipment showing advances. Insolvencies of wood products businesses declined. Bankruptcies in the services sector showed no change in the first quarter comparison, while the number of defaulting transportation businesses fell off from 31 to 28.

Estimated liabilities of failures in the manufacturing sector rose by nearly 50 per cent, and liabilities in the transportation group more than doubled. Liabilities of bankrupt "service" establishments also showed a sharp increase in the first quarter comparison. By contrast, total liabilities of trading establishments fell off by 18 per cent, and liabilities of construction businesses by 9 per cent. Liabilities of defaulted financial establishments were only a small fraction of the corresponding 1957 total.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the first quarter of 1958, 399 businesses were declared bankrupt in Quebec, showing little change from 396 in the first quarter of the previous year. The total estimated liabilities rose by 16 per cent from \$9,196,000 to \$10,658,000 in this comparison, the average liability per failure advancing from \$23,200 in the first quarter of 1957 to \$26,700. There were 152 business insolvencies in Ontario during the first quarter, unchanged from the same period last year. Total liabilities, however, declined by nearly 44 per cent from \$7,601,000 to \$4,273,000, with average liability per failure falling from \$50,000 to \$28,100 in the first quarter comparison. Number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces fell off from 41 to 38. Total liabilities for the area, however, rose from \$1,907,000 to \$2,076,000, with average liability increasing from \$46,500 to \$54,600. Number of failures in British Columbia rose from 14 in the first quarter of the previous year to 19. Total liabilities, on the other hand, fell off from \$832,000 to \$625,000.

Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 range. In the first quarter of 1958, almost 60 per cent of all failures were in this category. The great majority of small bankruptcies with liabilities of less than \$5,000 occur in Quebec. In the first three months, these failures accounted for 18 per cent of the Quebec total, while in Ontario they only accounted for 8 per cent of the provincial total.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) but not failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by  
First Quarter, 1958

	FIRST QUARTER 1957				
	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
	- Number -				
AGRICULTURE .....	1	15	1	-	1
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	5	1	-	-
MINING .....	-	1	1	-	-
MANUFACTURES -					
Foods and Beverages .....	-	10	2	-	-
Textiles .....	-	-	-	-	-
Clothing .....	-	9	3	-	-
Wood Products .....	1	16	5	1	1
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	9	1	-	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	23	4	1	-
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	1	2	3	-	-
Chemical Products .....	-	1	-	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	9	1	-	1
Total Manufactures .....	2	79	19	2	2
CONSTRUCTION -					
General Contractors .....	-	30	23	3	4
Special Trade Contractors .....	1	29	19	11	2
Total Construction .....	1	59	42	14	6
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	1	22	5	3	-
TRADE -					
Food .....	3	28	9	1	-
General Merchandise .....	1	12	1	-	-
Automotive Products .....	-	4	5	1	-
Filling Stations .....	-	9	2	2	-
Clothing .....	3	20	11	4	1
Shoes .....	1	1	3	-	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	1	14	4	-	-
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	2	21	11	2	-
Fuel .....	-	2	-	-	-
Drugs .....	-	-	-	-	-
Jewellery .....	-	6	7	-	-
Other Trades .....	-	29	13	3	2
Total Trade .....	11	146	66	13	3
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	1	3	3	-
SERVICE -					
Community Service .....	-	5	-	-	-
Recreational Service .....	-	1	2	1	-
Business Service .....	-	4	-	-	-
Personal Service .....	-	47	6	3	-
Total Service .....	-	57	8	4	-
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	1	11	6	2	2
TOTAL .....	17	396	152	41	14

Economic Areas and Industries  
with Comparisons

FIRST QUARTER 1957		FIRST QUARTER 1958						
Total		Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Total	
Number	Liabilities						Number	Liabilities
	\$'000			- Number -				\$'000
18	276	-	5	2	4	-	11	144
6	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	58	-	2	-	1	-	3	90
12	337	-	8	1	1	-	10	597
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	66
12	740	1	12	5	-	-	18	1,301
24	1,039	-	14	2	-	2	18	474
10	191	-	7	2	-	1	10	350
28	753	-	22	8	1	2	33	827
6	162	-	7	2	-	-	9	547
1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	362	-	8	4	2	-	14	1,210
104	3,593	1	79	24	4	5	113	5,372
60	3,574	3	25	15	4	1	48	4,018
62	1,856	1	31	10	3	-	45	907
122	5,430	4	56	25	7	1	93	4,925
31	617	-	21	4	1	2	28	1,544
41	563	1	38	12	1	-	52	1,331
14	158	-	14	2	2	-	18	263
10	460	1	8	9	1	-	19	643
13	203	-	10	5	2	-	17	178
39	685	-	18	13	2	3	36	637
5	53	-	3	-	-	-	3	35
19	671	-	10	1	-	-	11	273
36	1,697	-	17	14	3	1	35	771
2	96	-	2	-	-	-	2	320
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	39
13	418	1	4	2	2	1	10	176
47	2,387	1	35	13	-	1	50	1,409
239	7,393	4	161	71	13	6	255	6,074
7	1,230	-	2	5	1	-	8	133
5	19	-	3	-	-	-	3	52
4	99	-	4	-	1	-	5	175
4	70	-	2	1	1	1	5	106
56	751	-	43	11	-	2	56	1,213
69	939	-	52	12	2	3	69	1,469
22	393	1	21	9	5	2	38	423
620	20,002	10	399	152	38	19	618	20,175

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures									
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products							
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.						
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000							
1956														
January .....	166	3,825	2	21	26	1,386	2	8						
February .....	145	6,150	6	130	34	3,797	6	1,081						
March .....	180	8,892	3	70	29	2,317	4	211						
April .....	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262						
May .....	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12						
June .....	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375						
July .....	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79						
August .....	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330						
September .....	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377						
October .....	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58						
November .....	185	5,718	5	65	28	667	5	98						
December .....	175	9,349	5	96	25	970	2	33						
1957														
January .....	236	7,721	9	111	40	1,755	8	541						
February .....	209	6,495	5	107	34	1,118	9	218						
March .....	175	5,787	4	57	30	720	7	280						
April .....	169	4,171	3	126	27	790	8	165						
May .....	157	3,837	3	22	24	545	2	209						
June .....	175	4,282	3	31	30	919	4	213						
July .....	168	5,683	2	18	23	910	4	89						
August .....	172	9,518	1	59	27	1,626	3	191						
September .....	172	5,151	6	158	29	1,603	7	988						
October .....	198	7,158	3	25	37	812	7	272						
November .....	193	5,351	7	153	38	1,240	4	109						
December .....	174	4,898	3	70	25	1,033	4	201						
1958														
January .....	227	5,900	3	57	42	1,732	7	89						
February .....	183	7,098	2	33	31	2,162	3	260						
March .....	208	7,177	6	54	40	1,478	8	125						
Three months 1956 .....	491	18,867	11	221	89	7,450	12	1,300						
Three months 1957 .....	620	20,002	18	276	104	3,593	24	1,039						
Three months 1958 .....	618	20,175	11	144	113	5,372	18	474						
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total							
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.						
	Number	Liab.												
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000							
1956														
January .....	7	68	29	528	6	34	65	1,231						
February .....	10	1,685	26	733	8	41	52	1,213						
March .....	12	170	38	3,129	9	119	70	1,619						
April .....	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117						
May .....	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077						
June .....	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687						
July .....	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248						
August .....	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489						
September .....	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518						
October .....	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891						
November .....	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626						
December .....	7	103	31	2,327	8	254	71	1,725						

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total					
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.				
	Number	Liab.										
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000				
1957												
January .....	14	558	48	2,187	12	88	94	2,199				
February .....	9	129	44	1,834	13	393	80	2,491				
March .....	5	66	30	1,409	6	135	65	2,703				
April .....	8	132	27	711	8	73	74	1,741				
May .....	10	100	29	1,362	6	80	70	1,480				
June .....	8	343	19	539	8	82	88	1,863				
July .....	7	85	32	800	2	22	73	2,463				
August .....	8	1,114	34	4,068	11	107	69	1,502				
September .....	8	305	19	332	11	157	77	1,752				
October .....	14	184	31	2,139	7	114	83	1,738				
November .....	15	656	32	993	7	104	71	1,588				
December .....	8	278	27	752	8	73	71	1,930				
1958												
January .....	11	231	35	957	7	89	96	2,191				
February .....	9	290	31	941	10	1,348	71	1,962				
March .....	13	306	27	3,027	11	107	88	1,921				
Three months 1956 .....	29	1,923	93	4,390	23	195	187	4,062				
Three months 1957 .....	28	753	122	5,430	31	617	239	7,393				
Three months 1958 .....	33	827	93	4,925	28	1,544	255	6,074				
T r a d e												
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Service					
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.				
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000				
1956												
January .....	16	163	8	141	11	246	32	414				
February .....	8	141	10	85	11	450	14	149				
March .....	22	577	11	138	6	189	24	1,459				
April .....	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245				
May .....	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109				
June .....	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163				
July .....	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697				
August .....	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366				
September .....	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352				
October .....	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368				
November .....	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367				
December .....	18	258	12	168	11	357	24	265				
1957												
January .....	14	153	17	169	12	758	25	197				
February .....	15	287	13	304	13	589	20	281				
March .....	12	123	9	212	11	349	24	461				
April .....	15	438	10	173	10	308	21	355				
May .....	14	290	12	172	12	445	18	238				
June .....	16	292	13	346	12	378	19	303				
July .....	16	331	10	273	11	261	21	710				
August .....	10	116	7	160	11	409	19	227				
September .....	11	212	7	78	14	417	18	538				
October .....	16	353	10	142	6	182	22	506				
November .....	10	162	14	303	10	291	12	155				
December .....	16	522	14	425	9	215	28	716				
1958												
January .....	14	527	18	333	7	148	28	667				
February .....	15	313	9	165	12	208	19	369				
March .....	23	492	9	140	16	414	22	433				
Three months 1956 .....	46	881	29	364	28	885	70	2,022				
Three months 1957 .....	41	563	39	685	36	1,697	69	939				
Three months 1958 .....	52	1,331	36	637	35	771	69	1,469				

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months,  
Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province Of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
<u>1956</u> - January .....	166	3,825	-	-	110	2,409	55	727	45	1,293
February .....	145	6,150	4	162	81	2,020	43	1,169	48	3,587
March .....	180	8,893	3	41	115	4,345	54	2,999	52	1,967
April .....	174	5,084	3	248	106	1,796	45	535	47	2,342
May .....	164	3,716	1	11	117	2,510	38	1,012	28	832
June .....	140	3,908	3	60	77	1,980	36	1,051	41	677
July .....	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August .....	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September .....	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October .....	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November .....	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December .....	175	9,349	5	348	111	5,531	49	4,587	45	3,177
<u>1957</u> - January .....	236	7,721	5	97	155	3,594	64	1,333	53	2,554
February .....	209	6,495	6	294	139	3,368	61	1,442	50	2,435
March .....	175	5,787	6	75	102	2,235	39	1,113	49	2,611
April .....	169	4,171	2	73	97	1,761	50	867	46	1,712
May .....	157	3,837	4	156	95	1,491	37	483	49	1,719
June .....	175	4,282	7	268	102	1,701	42	819	49	1,673
July .....	168	5,683	2	12	89	2,750	42	1,796	55	1,876
August .....	172	9,518	7	198	89	3,300	42	2,299	54	4,718
September .....	172	5,151	4	195	109	2,180	42	985	52	2,502
October .....	198	7,158	2	30	116	2,347	52	814	73	4,646
November .....	193	5,351	1	7	125	3,145	51	1,022	58	1,997
December .....	174	4,898	5	66	109	2,545	38	901	52	2,108
<u>1958</u> - January .....	227	5,900	2	54	147	2,859	66	1,731	59	1,448
February .....	183	7,098	5	124	117	4,847	48	3,711	46	1,458
March .....	208	7,177	3	2,366	135	2,952	54	1,745	47	1,366
Three months 1956 .....	491	18,867	7	203	306	8,874	152	4,895	145	6,847
Three months 1957 .....	620	20,002	17	466	396	9,196	164	3,888	152	7,601
Three months 1958 .....	618	20,175	10	2,544	399	10,658	168	7,187	152	4,273
	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
<u>1956</u> - January .....	12	589	2	37	2	30	3	22	4	34
February .....	15	1,350	-	-	4	145	1	48	7	187
March .....	14	1,312	2	2,329	2	120	3	35	3	56
April .....	10	847	4	102	2	47	5	297	7	252
May .....	7	178	2	36	4	33	3	43	9	251
June .....	16	374	2	101	4	165	6	413	7	512
July .....	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August .....	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September .....	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October .....	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November .....	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December .....	10	2,031	1	60	4	60	6	118	3	550
<u>1957</u> - January .....	26	1,886	2	54	8	127	10	661	3	633
February .....	17	996	2	39	2	87	4	145	6	128
March .....	18	583	4	61	3	173	6	561	5	71
April .....	16	652	1	3	4	50	11	278	8	293
May .....	21	861	2	128	1	30	2	51	4	263
June .....	16	506	4	339	4	54	5	102	4	145
July .....	16	790	5	333	3	226	6	136	8	351
August .....	21	598	2	35	3	931	10	186	7	149
September .....	19	646	-	-	2	19	1	49	4	205
October .....	34	2,946	1	13	-	-	1	8	5	115
November .....	23	864	2	51	2	15	2	71	3	65
December .....	25	1,279	1	48	2	45	4	62	1	24
<u>1958</u> - January .....	21	680	3	981	2	12	8	342	6	204
February .....	21	1,026	3	252	-	-	6	131	6	286
March .....	19	516	5	218	3	10	8	130	7	135
Three months 1956 .....	41	3,252	4	2,365	8	295	7	106	14	277
Three months 1957 .....	61	3,465	8	154	13	386	20	1,367	14	832
Three months 1958 .....	61	2,222	11	1,451	5	22	22	603	19	625



Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1956					1957					1958
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	15	15	15	9	54	17	7	11	18	53	18
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	38	43	48	51	180	53	52	42	54	201	53
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	16	13	10	15	54	21	15	8	10	54	11
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	9	15	3	6	33	5	1	11	12	29	14
Over \$100,000 .....	11	3	5	2	21	8	6	7	6	27	17
Total .....	89	89	81	83	342	104	81	79	100	364	113
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	15	7	13	14	49	15	3	7	8	33	9
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	50	40	43	49	182	59	40	54	53	206	54
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	17	20	16	18	71	23	16	16	14	69	16
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	8	9	12	14	43	14	10	5	8	37	7
Over \$100,000 .....	3	3	7	17	30	11	6	3	7	27	7
Total .....	93	79	91	112	375	122	75	85	90	372	93
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	28	35	23	31	117	37	26	32	39	134	31
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	113	112	116	119	460	136	143	125	124	528	164
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	26	36	21	38	121	29	38	36	39	142	35
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	17	22	9	15	63	22	22	18	16	78	15
Over \$100,000 .....	3	9	5	8	25	15	3	8	7	33	10
Total .....	187	214	174	211	786	239	232	219	225	915	255
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	18	21	19	17	75	19	15	17	11	62	12
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	38	27	22	36	123	41	30	29	39	139	42
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	9	4	8	7	28	4	11	9	4	28	8
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	1	-	3	5	9	5	2	-	5	12	4
Over \$100,000 .....	4	1	3	-	8	-	-	3	3	6	3
Total .....	70	53	55	65	243	69	58	58	62	247	69
<u>Total Canada</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	91	83	88	90	352	102	59	83	92	336	88
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	265	251	256	295	1,067	342	299	283	319	1,243	370
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	75	79	61	88	303	88	87	78	81	334	80
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	37	48	29	41	155	52	36	40	45	173	41
Over \$100,000 .....	23	17	20	30	90	36	20	28	28	112	39
Total .....	491	478	454	544	1,967	620	501	512	565	2,198	618
<u>Quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	69	58	81	79	287	86	49	68	73	276	73
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	168	160	174	197	699	224	193	160	198	775	239
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	37	51	39	36	163	47	36	32	45	160	45
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	19	25	14	18	76	24	11	16	24	75	19
Over \$100,000 .....	13	6	11	10	40	15	5	11	10	41	23
Total .....	306	300	319	340	1,265	396	294	287	350	1,327	399
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	16	20	6	9	51	14	5	14	16	49	12
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	76	60	52	75	263	73	77	86	99	335	91
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	30	15	21	33	99	29	35	35	33	132	23
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	16	16	11	17	60	22	18	14	18	72	16
Over \$100,000 .....	7	5	4	18	34	14	9	12	17	52	10
Total .....	145	116	94	152	507	152	144	161	183	640	152

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups.

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
<u>1956</u> - January .....	23.0	-	21.9	28.7	12.8	8.5	53.3	18.2	18.9	12.9
February .....	42.4	40.4	24.9	74.7	38.7	26.8	111.7	28.2	23.3	10.7
March .....	49.4	13.7	37.8	37.8	354.8	18.5	79.9	82.3	23.1	60.8
April .....	29.2	82.5	16.9	49.8	40.6	36.0	41.8	41.9	26.8	11.1
May .....	22.7	10.7	21.5	29.7	12.5	27.9	17.0	26.1	28.8	7.3
June .....	27.9	20.2	25.7	16.5	56.6	73.1	41.7	19.7	28.6	10.2
July .....	24.0	27.4	17.8	43.3	49.6	14.2	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.3
August .....	31.7	73.7	31.8	21.5	18.4	98.8	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September .....	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.9	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.2
October .....	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	20.5	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November .....	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	16.0
December .....	53.4	69.6	49.8	70.6	21.6	18.3	38.8	75.1	24.3	11.0
<u>1957</u> - January .....	32.7	19.4	23.2	48.2	42.1	211.0	43.9	45.6	23.4	7.9
February .....	31.1	48.9	24.2	48.7	33.9	21.3	32.9	41.7	31.1	14.0
March .....	33.1	12.6	21.9	53.3	61.1	14.2	24.0	47.0	41.6	19.2
April .....	24.7	36.4	18.2	37.2	20.7	36.6	29.2	26.3	23.5	16.9
May .....	24.4	39.0	15.7	35.1	41.8	65.7	22.7	47.0	21.1	13.2
June .....	24.5	38.2	16.7	34.1	38.1	36.3	30.6	28.4	21.2	16.0
July .....	33.8	5.9	30.9	34.1	49.6	43.9	39.6	25.0	33.7	33.8
August .....	55.3	28.3	37.1	87.4	76.8	21.4	60.2	119.6	21.8	12.0
September .....	29.9	48.8	20.0	48.1	22.8	51.3	55.3	17.5	22.7	29.9
October .....	36.2	15.0	20.2	63.6	10.5	23.0	22.0	69.0	20.9	23.0
November .....	27.7	7.0	25.2	34.4	22.9	21.6	32.6	31.0	22.4	12.9
December .....	28.2	13.2	23.3	40.5	22.1	24.1	41.3	27.8	27.2	25.6
<u>1958</u> - January .....	26.0	26.8	19.4	24.5	102.7	34.0	41.2	27.3	22.8	23.8
February .....	38.8	24.8	41.4	31.7	42.5	47.7	69.8	30.4	27.6	19.4
March .....	34.5	788.8	21.9	29.1	22.4	19.2	36.9	112.1	21.8	19.7
Three months 1956 .....	38.4	29.0	29.0	47.2	145.6	19.8	83.7	47.2	21.7	28.9
Three months 1957 .....	32.3	27.4	23.2	50.0	46.5	59.4	34.6	44.5	30.9	13.6
Three months 1958 .....	32.6	254.4	26.7	28.1	54.6	32.9	47.5	53.0	23.8	21.3

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas.

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
<u>1956</u> - January .....	59	-	57	2	-	-	59	56	-	3
February .....	83	-	80	3	-	-	67	60	4	3
March .....	86	-	84	1	1	-	64	56	4	4
April .....	68	-	68	-	-	-	63	54	6	3
May .....	65	-	63	2	-	-	74	70	4	-
June .....	83	-	76	6	-	1	65	59	6	-
July .....	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August .....	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September .....	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October .....	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November .....	110	-	107	2	-	1	81	66	8	7
December .....	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
<u>1957</u> - January .....	119	-	112	3	2	2	53	49	2	2
February .....	104	-	99	4	-	1	36	28	6	2
March .....	121	-	116	5	-	-	42	37	4	1
April .....	111	-	103	4	3	1	43	40	2	1
May .....	94	-	89	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	85	-	76	5	2	-	32	27	3	2
July .....	115	-	110	5	-	-	26	23	2	1
August .....	113	1	105	3	4	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	113	1	110	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
October .....	120	-	114	5	1	-	52	47	5	-
November .....	121	-	116	3	1	1	61	55	4	2
December .....	103	1	95	5	2	-	72	67	4	1
<u>1958</u> - January .....	105	-	97	6	-	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	109	-	100	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	86	1	64	13	6	2	39	35	3	1
Three months 1956 .....	220	-	221	6	1	-	190	172	8	10
Three months 1957 .....	344	-	327	12	2	3	131	114	12	5
Three months 1958 .....	300	1	261	25	9	4	110	95	7	8

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### COMMERCIAL FAILURES

#### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the second quarter of 1958 the total number of business failures (preliminary basis) recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 497, showing little change from the 501 insolvencies reported during the same period of 1957. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities, however, rose by 15 per cent from \$12,289,000 in the second quarter of 1957 to \$14,185,000. Average liability per failure, therefore, rose from \$24,500 in the second quarter of 1957 to \$28,500. There were more failures of large businesses with liabilities of over \$100,000 than during the same quarter one year ago.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector. Bankruptcies of all trading establishments fell from 232 in the second quarter of the previous year to 207. Insolvencies of establishments selling automotive products rose from 12 to 19. The hardware and building materials category recorded a slight gain. Bankruptcies of clothing stores showed little change. Insolvencies of food stores and of furniture, appliance and radio dealers declined appreciably in the second quarter comparison; failures of food stores dropped from 45 to 36 and of furniture, appliance and radio dealers from 34 to 24.

Insolvencies of construction establishments rose from 75 to 89 with failing trade contractors accounting for the advance; bankruptcies of general contractors were actually less than in the second quarter last year. Failures in the service sector increased from 58 to 84 in the same comparison. By contrast bankruptcies in manufactures declined from 81 to 64, largely the result of fewer failures in the iron and steel and transportation equipment and the electrical apparatus and non-ferrous metals industries. The number of defaulting transportation businesses declined slightly.

Total estimated liabilities of trade failures dropped by over 10 per cent in the second quarter comparison. Liabilities of failures in the construction industry fell off slightly. On the other hand, liabilities of "service" industries were over two and one half times as large in the second quarter comparison. Liabilities of bankrupt manufacturing businesses advanced by 9 per cent.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the second quarter of 1958, the number of failures in Quebec advanced slightly to 302 as compared with 294 in the second quarter of the previous year. Estimated liabilities, however, were much higher at \$7,459,000 with average liability per failure rising from \$16,900 to \$24,700. The number of failures in Ontario was 142, almost unchanged from the second quarter of 1957. Liabilities dropped from \$5,104,000 to \$4,895,000, average liability per failure decreasing from \$35,400 to \$34,500. Number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces declined from 34 to 29 in the second quarter comparison, total liabilities falling from \$1,035,000 to \$739,000; average liability per failure fell from \$30,500 to \$25,500. Number of failures in British Columbia fell off from 16 in the second quarter of the previous year to 14. Total liabilities declined from \$701,000 to \$474,000, with average liability per failure dropping from \$43,800 to \$33,800.

#### Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that 74 per cent of all failures during the second quarter involved relatively small businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000. Eighty per cent of "service" bankruptcies, 76 per cent of trade failures and 64 per cent of manufacturing insolvencies, were in the "under \$25,000" category. Twenty per cent of the Quebec failures involved businesses with liabilities of less than \$5,000, compared with only 10 per cent in Ontario.

#### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) but not failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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	SECOND QUARTER 1957				
	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
	- Number -				
AGRICULTURE .....	-	8	-	-	1
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	1	1	-	-
MINING .....	-	1	-	1	1
MANUFACTURES -					
Foods and Beverages .....	-	6	2	-	-
Textiles .....	-	-	-	-	-
Clothing .....	-	8	5	1	1
Wood Products .....	-	7	5	-	-
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	2	3	-	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	1	17	6	1	1
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	1	2	3	-	-
Chemical Products .....	-	1	-	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	8	5	-	-
Total Manufactures .....	2	51	24	2	2
CONSTRUCTION -					
General Contractors .....	1	23	16	6	2
Special Trade Contractors .....	1	9	12	4	1
Total Construction .....	2	32	28	10	3
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	-	15	6	-	1
TRADE -					
Food .....	-	33	11	1	-
General Merchandise .....	1	2	1	5	-
Automotive Products .....	2	6	4	-	-
Filling Stations .....	-	6	5	-	-
Clothing .....	2	16	11	4	2
Shoes .....	-	3	1	-	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	-	8	8	2	1
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	1	13	17	2	1
Fuel .....	-	1	2	-	-
Drugs .....	-	1	-	-	-
Jewellery .....	-	2	-	-	1
Other Trades .....	1	39	11	4	1
Total Trade .....	7	130	71	18	6
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	1	6	2	-	-
SERVICE -					
Community Service .....	-	1	-	-	-
Recreational Service .....	1	3	2	-	4
Business Service .....	-	4	-	-	-
Personal Service .....	-	36	9	2	-
Total Service .....	1	44	11	2	-
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	6	1	1	2
TOTAL .....	13	294	144	34	16

Economic Areas and Industries

with Comparisons

SECOND QUARTER 1957		SECOND QUARTER 1958						
Total		Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Total	
Number	Liabilities						Number	Liabilities
	\$'000			- Number -				\$'000
9	178	-	7	5	1	-	13	309
2	247	-	1	1	-	-	2	30
3	226	-	2	-	-	-	2	26
8	307	-	3	1	1	-	5	112
-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	127
8	143	-	11	-	-	1	12	640
14	588	-	9	4	1	-	14	1,084
5	214	-	-	1	-	-	1	18
26	575	-	12	6	1	-	19	343
6	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	335	-	10	1	-	-	11	138
81	2,255	-	46	14	3	1	64	2,461
48	1,698	1	25	14	1	1	42	1,342
27	914	-	25	17	4	1	47	1,243
75	2,611	1	50	31	5	2	89	2,585
22	235	-	6	9	2	2	19	267
45	1,020	1	23	10	1	1	36	627
9	182	2	4	1	1	1	9	187
12	344	2	9	4	2	2	19	687
11	118	-	3	3	1	-	7	34
35	691	1	19	10	4	2	36	583
4	137	-	1	3	-	-	4	50
19	566	1	11	7	2	-	21	660
34	1,130	1	12	9	1	1	24	864
3	70	-	-	1	-	-	1	10
1	18	1	1	-	-	-	2	36
3	27	-	6	1	-	-	7	318
56	782	-	26	12	3	-	41	498
232	5,084	9	115	61	15	7	207	4,553
9	426	-	4	5	1	-	10	1,546
1	18	-	4	1	-	-	5	29
6	155	-	4	1	-	-	5	78
4	19	-	9	3	-	-	12	147
47	703	-	49	10	1	2	62	2,056
58	896	-	66	15	1	2	84	2,310
10	131	-	5	1	1	-	7	99
501	12,289	10	302	142	29	14	497	14,185



Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
<u>1956</u>								
January .....	166	3,825	2	21	26	1,386	2	8
February .....	145	6,150	6	130	34	3,797	6	1,081
March .....	180	8,892	3	70	29	2,317	4	211
April .....	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262
May .....	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12
June .....	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375
July .....	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79
August .....	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330
September .....	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377
October .....	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58
November .....	185	5,718	5	65	28	667	5	98
December .....	175	9,349	5	96	25	970	2	33
<u>1957</u>								
January .....	236	7,721	9	111	40	1,755	8	541
February .....	209	6,495	5	107	34	1,118	9	218
March .....	175	5,787	4	57	30	720	7	280
April .....	169	4,171	3	126	27	790	8	165
May .....	157	3,837	3	22	24	545	2	209
June .....	175	4,282	3	31	30	919	4	213
July .....	168	5,683	2	18	23	910	4	89
August .....	172	9,518	1	59	27	1,626	3	191
September .....	172	5,151	6	158	29	1,603	7	988
October .....	198	7,158	3	25	37	812	7	272
November .....	193	5,351	7	153	38	1,240	4	109
December .....	174	4,898	3	70	25	1,033	4	201
<u>1958</u>								
January .....	227	5,857	3	57	42	1,688	7	89
February .....	183	7,053	2	33	31	2,162	3	260
March .....	206	7,079	6	54	39	1,393	8	125
April .....	165	4,914	7	189	18	1,062	2	404
May .....	152	4,673	3	61	17	815	7	484
June .....	180	4,598	3	58	29	584	5	196
Six months 1956 .....	969	31,576	20	343	178	10,523	22	1,949
Six months 1957 .....	1,121	32,292	27	454	185	5,847	38	1,626
Six months 1958 .....	1,113	34,174	24	452	176	7,704	32	1,558
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<u>1956</u>								
January .....	7	68	29	528	6	34	65	1,231
February .....	10	1,685	26	733	8	41	52	1,213
March .....	12	170	38	3,129	9	119	70	1,619
April .....	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117
May .....	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077
June .....	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687
July .....	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248
August .....	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489
September .....	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518
October .....	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891
November .....	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626
December .....	7	103	31	2,327	8	254	71	1,725

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1957								
January .....	14	558	48	2,187	12	88	94	2,199
February .....	9	129	44	1,834	13	393	80	2,491
March .....	5	66	30	1,409	6	135	65	2,703
April .....	8	132	27	711	8	73	74	1,741
May .....	10	100	29	1,362	6	80	70	1,480
June .....	8	343	19	539	8	82	88	1,863
July .....	7	85	32	800	2	22	73	2,463
August .....	8	1,114	34	4,068	11	107	69	1,502
September .....	8	305	19	332	11	157	77	1,752
October .....	14	184	31	2,139	7	114	83	1,738
November .....	15	656	32	993	7	104	71	1,588
December .....	8	278	27	752	8	73	71	1,930
1958								
January .....	11	231	35	957	7	89	96	2,192
February .....	9	290	31	941	10	1,348	71	1,917
March .....	13	284	27	3,027	11	107	87	1,908
April .....	6	95	28	760	6	44	68	1,790
May .....	6	161	22	520	4	76	77	1,643
June .....	7	86	39	1,305	9	148	62	1,120
Six months 1956 .....	63	2,647	172	6,862	44	468	397	9,944
Six months 1957 .....	54	1,327	197	8,044	53	851	471	12,477
Six months 1958 .....	52	1,147	182	7,510	47	1,812	461	10,570
T r a d e								
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Service	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1956								
January .....	16	163	8	141	11	246	32	414
February .....	8	141	10	85	11	450	14	149
March .....	22	577	11	138	6	189	24	1,459
April .....	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245
May .....	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109
June .....	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163
July .....	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697
August .....	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366
September .....	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352
October .....	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368
November .....	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367
December .....	18	258	12	168	11	357	24	265
1957								
January .....	14	153	17	169	12	758	25	197
February .....	15	287	13	304	13	589	20	281
March .....	12	123	9	212	11	349	24	461
April .....	15	438	10	173	10	308	21	355
May .....	14	290	12	172	12	445	18	238
June .....	16	292	13	346	12	378	19	303
July .....	16	331	10	273	11	261	21	710
August .....	10	116	7	160	11	409	19	227
September .....	11	212	7	78	14	417	18	538
October .....	16	353	10	142	6	182	22	506
November .....	10	162	14	303	10	291	12	155
December .....	16	522	14	425	9	215	28	716
1958								
January .....	14	527	18	333	7	149	28	667
February .....	15	313	9	165	12	208	19	369
March .....	23	492	9	140	16	414	22	433
April .....	10	240	11	177	8	397	29	596
May .....	14	296	14	200	9	321	22	513
June .....	12	90	11	206	8	167	33	1,200
Six months 1956 .....	85	1,631	42	566	70	3,043	123	2,539
Six months 1957 .....	86	1,583	77	1,429	70	2,827	127	1,835
Six months 1958 .....	88	1,958	72	1,221	60	1,656	153	3,778

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months,  
Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1956 April .....	174	5,084	3	248	106	1,796	45	535	47	2,342
May .....	164	3,716	1	11	117	2,510	38	1,012	28	832
June .....	140	3,908	3	60	77	1,980	36	1,051	41	677
July .....	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August .....	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September .....	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October .....	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November .....	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December .....	175	9,349	5	348	111	5,531	49	4,587	45	3,177
1957 January .....	236	7,721	5	97	155	3,594	64	1,333	53	2,554
February .....	209	6,495	6	294	139	3,368	61	1,442	50	2,435
March .....	175	5,787	6	75	102	2,235	39	1,113	49	2,611
April .....	169	4,171	2	73	97	1,761	50	867	46	1,712
May .....	157	3,837	4	156	95	1,491	37	483	49	1,719
June .....	175	4,282	7	268	102	1,701	42	819	49	1,673
July .....	168	5,683	2	12	89	2,750	42	1,796	55	1,876
August .....	172	9,518	7	198	89	3,300	42	2,299	54	4,718
September .....	172	5,151	4	195	109	2,180	42	985	52	2,502
October .....	198	7,158	2	30	116	2,347	52	814	73	4,646
November .....	193	5,351	1	7	125	3,145	51	1,022	58	1,997
December .....	174	4,898	5	66	109	2,545	38	901	52	2,108
1958 January .....	227	5,857	2	54	147	2,860	66	1,731	59	1,405
February .....	183	7,053	5	124	117	4,803	48	3,711	46	1,458
March .....	206	7,079	3	2,366	135	2,929	54	1,722	45	1,291
April .....	165	4,914	3	248	94	2,431	48	1,604	54	1,735
May .....	152	4,673	4	141	95	3,016	39	1,121	38	1,232
June .....	180	4,598	3	229	113	2,012	53	831	50	1,927
Six months 1956 .....	969	31,576	14	522	606	15,060	271	7,493	261	10,698
Six months 1957 .....	1,121	32,292	30	964	690	14,144	293	6,057	296	12,704
Six months 1958 .....	1,113	34,174	20	3,162	701	18,051	308	10,720	292	9,048

	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1956 April .....	10	847	4	102	2	47	5	297	7	252
May .....	7	178	2	36	4	33	3	43	9	251
June .....	16	374	2	101	4	165	6	413	7	512
July .....	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August .....	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September .....	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October .....	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November .....	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December .....	10	2,031	1	60	4	60	6	118	3	550
1957 January .....	26	1,886	2	54	8	127	10	661	3	633
February .....	17	996	2	39	2	87	4	145	6	128
March .....	18	583	4	61	3	173	6	561	5	71
April .....	16	652	1	3	4	50	11	278	8	293
May .....	21	861	2	128	1	30	2	51	4	263
June .....	16	506	4	339	4	54	5	102	4	145
July .....	16	790	5	333	3	226	6	136	8	351
August .....	21	598	2	35	3	931	10	186	7	149
September .....	19	646	-	-	2	19	1	49	4	205
October .....	34	2,946	1	13	-	-	1	8	5	115
November .....	23	864	2	51	2	15	2	71	3	65
December .....	25	1,279	1	48	2	45	4	62	1	24
1958 January .....	21	680	3	981	2	12	8	342	6	204
February .....	21	1,026	3	252	-	-	6	131	6	286
March .....	18	455	5	218	3	10	8	130	7	135
April .....	18	958	2	77	3	35	6	194	3	193
May .....	16	819	1	91	2	10	5	48	7	134
June .....	16	1,276	5	117	1	18	4	148	4	146
Six months 1956 .....	74	4,650	12	2,605	18	540	21	858	37	1,292
Six months 1957 .....	114	5,484	15	624	22	521	28	1,798	30	1,538
Six months 1958 .....	110	5,214	19	1,736	11	85	37	993	33	1,098

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

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	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	15	15	9	54	17	7	11	18	53	18	9
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	43	48	51	180	53	52	42	54	201	54	32
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	13	10	15	54	21	15	8	10	54	10	11
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	15	3	6	33	5	1	11	12	29	13	5
Over \$100,000 .....	3	5	2	21	8	6	7	6	27	16	7
Total .....	89	81	83	342	104	81	79	100	364	111	64
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	7	13	14	49	15	3	7	8	33	9	11
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	40	43	49	182	59	40	54	53	206	54	50
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	20	16	18	71	23	16	16	14	69	16	15
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	9	12	14	43	14	10	5	8	37	7	8
Over \$100,000 .....	3	7	17	30	11	6	3	7	27	7	5
Total .....	79	91	112	375	122	75	85	90	372	93	89
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	35	23	31	117	37	26	32	39	134	31	29
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	112	116	119	460	136	143	125	124	528	164	129
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	36	21	38	121	29	38	36	39	142	35	31
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	22	9	15	63	22	22	18	16	78	16	10
Over \$100,000 .....	9	5	8	25	15	3	8	7	33	9	8
Total .....	214	174	211	786	239	232	219	225	915	255	207
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	21	19	17	75	19	15	17	11	62	12	21
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	27	22	36	123	41	30	29	39	139	42	47
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	4	8	7	28	4	11	9	4	28	8	8
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	-	3	5	9	5	2	-	5	12	4	5
Over \$100,000 .....	1	3	-	8	-	-	3	3	6	3	3
Total .....	53	55	65	243	69	58	58	62	247	69	84
<u>Total Canada</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	83	88	90	352	102	59	83	92	336	88	81
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	251	256	295	1,067	342	299	283	319	1,243	371	287
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	79	61	88	303	88	87	78	81	334	79	72
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	48	29	41	155	52	36	40	45	173	41	30
Over \$100,000 .....	17	20	30	90	36	20	28	28	112	37	27
Total .....	478	454	544	1,967	620	501	512	565	2,198	616	497
<u>Quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	58	81	79	287	86	49	68	73	276	73	61
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	160	174	197	699	224	193	160	198	775	240	169
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	51	39	36	163	47	36	32	45	160	44	40
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	25	14	18	76	24	11	16	24	75	20	18
Over \$100,000 .....	6	11	10	40	15	5	11	10	41	22	14
Total .....	300	319	340	1,265	396	294	287	350	1,327	399	302
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	20	6	9	51	14	5	14	16	49	12	15
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	60	52	75	263	73	77	86	99	335	90	89
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	15	21	33	99	29	35	35	33	132	23	24
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	16	11	17	60	22	18	14	18	72	16	6
Over \$100,000 .....	5	4	18	34	14	9	12	17	52	9	8
Total .....	116	94	152	507	152	144	161	183	640	150	142

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups.

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
<u>1956</u> - April .....	29.2	82.5	16.9	49.8	40.6	36.0	41.8	41.9	26.8	11.1
May .....	22.7	10.7	21.5	29.7	12.5	27.9	17.0	26.1	28.8	7.3
June .....	27.9	20.2	25.7	16.5	56.6	73.1	41.7	19.7	28.6	10.2
July .....	24.0	27.4	17.8	43.3	49.6	14.2	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.3
August .....	31.7	73.7	31.8	21.5	18.4	98.8	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September .....	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.9	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.2
October .....	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	20.5	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November .....	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	16.0
December .....	53.4	69.6	49.8	70.6	21.6	18.3	38.8	75.1	24.3	11.0
<u>1957</u> - January .....	32.7	19.4	23.2	48.2	42.1	211.0	43.9	45.6	23.4	7.9
February .....	31.1	48.9	24.2	48.7	33.9	21.3	32.9	41.7	31.1	14.0
March .....	33.1	12.6	21.9	53.3	61.1	14.2	24.0	47.0	41.6	19.2
April .....	24.7	36.4	18.2	37.2	20.7	36.6	29.2	26.3	23.5	16.9
May .....	24.4	39.0	15.7	35.1	41.8	65.7	22.7	47.0	21.1	13.2
June .....	24.5	38.2	16.7	34.1	38.1	36.3	30.6	28.4	21.2	16.0
July .....	33.8	5.9	30.9	34.1	49.6	43.9	39.6	25.0	33.7	33.8
August .....	55.3	28.3	37.1	87.4	76.8	21.4	60.2	119.6	21.8	12.0
September .....	29.9	48.8	20.0	48.1	22.8	51.3	55.3	17.5	22.7	29.9
October .....	36.2	15.0	20.2	63.6	10.5	23.0	22.0	69.0	20.9	23.0
November .....	27.7	7.0	25.2	34.4	22.9	21.6	32.6	31.0	22.4	12.9
December .....	28.2	13.2	23.3	40.5	22.1	24.1	41.3	27.8	27.2	25.6
<u>1958</u> - January .....	25.8	26.8	19.5	23.8	102.7	34.0	40.2	27.3	22.8	23.8
February .....	38.5	24.8	41.1	31.7	42.6	47.7	69.8	30.4	27.0	19.4
March .....	34.4	788.8	21.7	28.7	22.4	19.2	35.7	112.1	21.9	19.7
April .....	29.8	82.7	25.9	32.1	27.8	64.4	59.0	27.1	26.3	20.6
May .....	30.7	35.4	31.7	32.4	18.6	19.2	47.9	23.6	21.3	23.3
June .....	25.5	76.3	17.8	38.5	28.3	36.6	20.1	33.5	18.1	36.4
Six months 1956 .....	32.6	37.3	24.9	41.0	78.5	34.9	59.1	39.9	25.0	20.6
Six months 1957 .....	28.8	32.1	20.5	42.9	39.2	51.3	31.6	40.8	26.5	14.4
Six months 1958 .....	30.7	158.1	25.8	31.0	42.0	33.3	43.8	41.3	22.9	24.7

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas.

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
<u>1956</u> - April .....	68	-	68	-	-	-	63	54	6	3
May .....	65	-	63	2	-	-	74	70	4	-
June .....	83	-	76	6	-	1	65	59	6	-
July .....	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August .....	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September .....	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October .....	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November .....	110	-	107	2	-	1	81	66	8	7
December .....	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
<u>1957</u> - January .....	119	-	112	3	2	2	53	49	2	2
February .....	104	-	99	4	-	1	36	28	6	2
March .....	121	-	116	5	-	-	42	37	4	1
April .....	111	-	103	4	3	1	43	40	2	1
May .....	94	-	89	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	85	-	76	5	2	2	32	27	3	2
July .....	115	-	110	5	-	-	26	23	2	1
August .....	113	1	105	3	4	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	113	1	110	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
October .....	120	-	114	5	1	-	52	47	5	-
November .....	121	-	116	3	1	1	61	55	4	2
December .....	103	1	95	5	2	-	72	67	4	1
<u>1958</u> - January .....	105	-	97	6	-	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	109	-	100	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	86	1	64	13	6	2	39	35	3	1
April .....	88	1	79	6	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	110	2	92	14	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	106	-	95	7	3	1	43	38	4	1
Six months 1956 .....	444	-	428	14	1	1	392	355	24	13
Six months 1957 .....	634	-	595	26	8	5	242	213	21	8
Six months 1958 .....	604	4	527	52	16	5	250	218	18	14



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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

According to preliminary figures, the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 409 during the third quarter of 1958, a 20 per cent decline from the 512 insolvencies reported in the same period of 1957. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities fell off to \$10,058,000, less than half the corresponding total for the third quarter of the previous year. Average liability per failure therefore declined from \$39,700 to \$24,600. The number of failures of establishments with liabilities of over \$50,000 decreased from 68 to 47 in the third quarter comparison.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, bankruptcies of trading establishments accounted for the largest number of failures during the third quarter of 1958. There were 164 such bankruptcies in the third quarter, as compared with 219 during the same quarter of 1957. Insolvencies of furniture, appliance and radio stores fell off sharply in this comparison, as did failures of filling stations and unspecified trades. By contrast, failures of automotive products dealers showed an increase. Bankruptcies of most other types of trading establishment showed little change from the third quarter of the previous year.

Number of failures in the construction industry fell off from 85 in the third quarter of 1957 to 73, and insolvencies of service industries declined from 58 to 50. There were 77 bankruptcies of manufacturing establishments in the third quarter, as compared with 79 in the same period of 1957.

Total estimated liabilities declined sharply in all major sectors, as compared with the third quarter of the previous year. The decline was particularly important in the construction field, where liabilities were less than 36 per cent of the total for the third quarter of 1957.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the third quarter of 1958, the number of failures in Quebec fell off to 260, as compared with 287 for the same quarter of the previous year. Estimated liabilities declined from \$8,230,000 to \$6,129,000 in this comparison, with average liability per failure dropping from \$28,700 to \$23,600. The number of failures in Ontario fell off sharply from 161 in the third quarter of 1957 to 104. Liabilities dropped sharply from \$9,096,000 to \$2,262,000, with average liability per failure declining from \$56,500 to \$21,700. Number of bankruptcies in the Prairie region decreased from 32 to 18 in the third quarter comparison, but total liabilities decreased from \$1,914,000 to \$1,010,000. Average liability per failure diminished from \$59,800 to \$56,100. Number of failures in British Columbia remained unchanged at 19 in the third quarter comparison, but total liabilities decreased from \$706,000 to \$343,000. Average liability per failure declined from \$37,100 to \$18,100. In the Atlantic Provinces the number of insolvencies dropped from 13 to 8, with total liabilities falling off from \$405,000 to \$314,000.

#### Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that nearly 75% of all failures during the third quarter involved relatively small businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000. About 86% of service bankruptcies and almost 75% of trade failures were in this category. Over 70% per cent of manufacturing and construction failures were also below this level. There were only 16 failures with liabilities of over \$100,000 in the third quarter. The majority of these occurred in Quebec.

#### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (The Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) but not failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by  
Third Quarter, 1958

	THIRD QUAR-				
	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
	- Number -				
AGRICULTURE .....	-	7	1	-	1
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	2	1	-	-
MINING .....	-	1	1	2	-
MANUFACTURES -					
Foods and Beverages .....	-	7	4	-	-
Textiles .....	-	1	2	-	-
Clothing .....	-	2	3	-	-
Wood Products .....	-	7	5	-	2
Paper Products & Printing Trade .....	-	3	2	-	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	13	7	2	1
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	2	-	-	-
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	9	5	2	-
Total Manufactures .....	-	44	28	4	3
CONSTRUCTION -					
General Contractors .....	-	22	15	1	1
Special Trade Contractors .....	-	24	15	5	2
Total Construction .....	-	46	30	6	3
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	-	18	5	-	1
TRADE -					
Food .....	5	22	8	1	1
General Merchandise .....	-	8	2	3	-
Automotive Products .....	1	4	8	3	1
Filling Stations .....	-	9	4	1	1
Clothing .....	-	13	8	2	1
Shoes .....	-	1	3	-	1
Hardware & Building Materials .....	1	4	5	1	1
Furniture, Appliance & Radios .....	2	13	19	-	2
Fuel .....	-	2	1	-	-
Drugs .....	-	1	-	-	1
Jewellery .....	-	2	1	-	-
Other Trades .....	1	34	12	4	1
Total Trade .....	10	113	71	15	10
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	3	2	-	1
SERVICE -					
Community Service .....	-	4	-	-	-
Recreational Service .....	-	-	-	-	-
Business Service .....	-	5	3	-	-
Personal Service .....	1	35	8	2	-
Total Service .....	1	44	11	2	-
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	2	9	11	3	-
TOTAL .....	13	287	161	32	19

Economic Areas and Industries

with Comparisons

TER 1957		THIRD QUARTER 1958						
Total		Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Total	
Number	Liabilities						Number	Liabilities
	\$'000			Number				\$'000
9	236	-	3	2	-	1	6	160
3	210	-	1	-	-	-	1	5
4	1,525	-	1	-	-	1	2	37
11	417	1	2	-	-	-	3	163
3	228	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
5	117	-	7	-	-	-	7	523
14	1,267	-	13	1	-	2	16	564
5	104	-	7	1	-	-	8	130
23	1,504	-	18	3	-	3	24	301
2	69	-	3	1	1	1	6	231
-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	38
16	434	-	7	1	1	1	10	640
79	4,139	1	59	8	2	7	77	2,592
39	4,393	-	20	7	2	1	30	968
46	807	1	26	12	3	1	43	882
85	5,199	1	46	19	5	2	73	1,850
24	287	-	13	4	-	-	17	188
37	658	-	21	13	1	2	37	494
13	201	1	7	1	2	-	11	217
17	523	-	12	10	1	-	23	723
15	288	-	6	1	2	-	9	92
24	511	1	15	6	1	2	25	645
5	52	-	-	1	-	-	1	23
12	606	1	7	4	2	-	14	366
36	1,087	1	7	6	-	-	14	543
3	65	-	1	-	-	-	1	18
2	98	-	-	1	-	-	1	16
3	46	-	2	1	-	1	4	66
52	1,582	1	11	10	-	2	24	332
219	5,716	5	89	54	9	7	164	3,536
6	826	-	4	2	-	-	6	95
4	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4	153
8	243	1	2	4	1	-	8	135
46	1,210	-	28	8	1	1	38	479
58	1,475	1	32	14	2	1	50	767
25	739	-	12	1	-	-	13	828
512	20,351	8	260	104	18	19	409	10,058

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1956								
April .....	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262
May .....	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12
June .....	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375
July .....	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79
August .....	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330
September .....	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377
October .....	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58
November .....	185	5,718	5	65	28	667	5	98
December .....	175	9,349	5	96	25	970	2	33
1957								
January .....	236	7,721	9	111	40	1,755	8	541
February .....	209	6,495	5	107	34	1,118	9	218
March .....	175	5,787	4	57	30	720	7	280
April .....	169	4,171	3	126	27	790	8	165
May .....	157	3,837	3	22	24	545	2	209
June .....	175	4,282	3	31	30	919	4	213
July .....	168	5,683	2	18	23	910	4	89
August .....	172	9,518	1	59	27	1,626	3	191
September .....	172	5,151	6	158	29	1,603	7	988
October .....	198	7,158	3	25	37	812	7	272
November .....	193	5,351	7	153	38	1,240	4	109
December .....	174	4,898	3	70	25	1,033	4	201
1958								
January .....	227	5,857	3	57	42	1,688	7	89
February .....	183	7,053	2	33	31	2,162	3	260
March .....	206	7,079	6	54	39	1,393	8	125
April .....	165	4,915	7	189	18	1,062	2	404
May .....	152	4,674	3	61	17	815	7	484
June .....	180	4,582	3	58	29	584	5	196
July .....	131	3,336	4	115	25	683	6	71
August .....	121	2,367	1	40	24	432	4	178
September .....	157	4,354	1	5	28	1,477	6	315
Nine months 1956 .....	1,423	44,172	32	444	259	12,935	38	2,736
Nine months 1957 .....	1,633	52,644	36	689	264	9,987	52	2,893
Nine months 1958 .....	1,522	44,219	30	612	253	10,298	48	2,122
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1956								
April .....	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117
May .....	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077
June .....	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687
July .....	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248
August .....	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489
September .....	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518
October .....	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891
November .....	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626
December .....	7	103	31	2,327	8	254	71	1,725
1957								
January .....	14	558	48	2,187	12	88	94	2,199
February .....	9	129	44	1,834	13	393	80	2,491
March .....	5	66	30	1,409	6	135	65	2,703

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<b>1957</b>								
April .....	8	132	27	711	8	73	74	1,741
May .....	10	100	29	1,362	6	80	70	1,480
June .....	8	343	19	539	8	82	88	1,863
July .....	7	85	32	800	2	22	73	2,463
August .....	8	1,114	34	4,068	11	107	69	1,502
September .....	8	305	19	332	11	157	77	1,752
October .....	14	184	31	2,139	7	114	83	1,738
November .....	15	656	32	993	7	104	71	1,588
December .....	8	278	27	752	8	73	71	1,930
<b>1958</b>								
January .....	11	231	35	957	7	89	96	2,192
February .....	9	290	31	941	10	1,348	71	1,917
March .....	13	284	27	3,027	11	107	87	1,908
April .....	6	95	28	761	6	44	68	1,790
May .....	6	161	22	521	4	76	77	1,643
June .....	7	86	39	1,300	9	148	62	1,120
July .....	7	148	24	624	5	37	52	1,196
August .....	8	70	23	616	7	116	45	879
September .....	9	83	26	610	5	36	67	1,460
Nine months 1956 .....	84	2,921	263	9,784	59	618	571	15,198
Nine months 1957 .....	77	2,831	282	13,242	77	1,139	690	18,194
Nine months 1958 .....	76	1,448	255	9,358	64	2,000	625	14,105
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Service	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<b>1956</b>								
April .....	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245
May .....	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109
June .....	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163
July .....	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697
August .....	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366
September .....	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352
October .....	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368
November .....	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367
December .....	18	258	12	168	11	357	24	265
<b>1957</b>								
January .....	14	153	17	169	12	758	25	197
February .....	15	287	13	304	13	589	20	281
March .....	12	123	9	212	11	349	24	461
April .....	15	438	10	173	10	308	21	355
May .....	14	290	12	172	12	445	18	238
June .....	16	292	13	346	12	378	19	303
July .....	16	331	10	273	11	261	21	710
August .....	10	116	7	160	11	409	19	227
September .....	11	212	7	78	14	417	18	538
October .....	16	353	10	142	6	182	22	506
November .....	10	162	14	303	10	291	12	155
December .....	16	522	14	425	9	215	28	716
<b>1958</b>								
January .....	14	527	18	333	7	149	28	667
February .....	15	313	9	165	12	208	19	369
March .....	23	492	9	140	16	414	22	433
April .....	10	240	11	177	8	397	29	596
May .....	14	296	14	200	8	299	22	513
June .....	12	90	11	206	8	167	33	1,190
July .....	13	189	11	281	3	82	16	321
August .....	9	96	5	65	5	190	14	202
September .....	15	208	9	299	6	272	20	242
Nine months 1956 .....	124	2,130	63	969	89	3,969	181	3,954
Nine months 1957 .....	123	2,241	98	1,887	106	3,914	185	3,310
Nine months 1958 .....	125	2,451	97	1,866	73	2,178	203	4,533



Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1956 - July .....	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August .....	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September .....	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October .....	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November .....	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December .....	175	9,349	5	348	111	5,531	49	4,587	45	3,177
1957 - January .....	236	7,721	5	97	155	3,594	64	1,333	53	2,554
February .....	209	6,495	6	294	139	3,368	61	1,442	50	2,435
March .....	175	5,787	6	75	102	2,235	39	1,113	49	2,611
April .....	169	4,171	2	73	97	1,761	50	867	46	1,712
May .....	157	3,837	4	156	95	1,491	37	483	49	1,719
June .....	175	4,282	7	268	102	1,701	42	819	49	1,673
July .....	168	5,683	2	12	89	2,750	42	1,796	55	1,876
August .....	172	9,518	7	198	89	3,300	42	2,299	54	4,718
September .....	172	5,151	4	195	109	2,180	42	985	52	2,502
October .....	198	7,158	2	30	116	2,347	52	814	73	4,646
November .....	193	5,351	1	7	125	3,145	51	1,022	58	1,997
December .....	174	4,898	5	66	109	2,545	38	901	52	2,108
1958 - January .....	227	5,857	2	54	147	2,860	66	1,731	59	1,405
February .....	183	7,053	5	124	117	4,803	48	3,711	46	1,458
March .....	206	7,079	3	2,366	135	2,929	54	1,722	45	1,291
April .....	165	4,915	3	248	94	2,432	48	1,604	54	1,735
May .....	152	4,674	4	141	95	3,017	39	1,122	38	1,232
June .....	180	4,582	3	229	113	1,996	53	815	50	1,927
July .....	131	3,336	3	156	77	1,974	36	965	37	719
August .....	121	2,367	3	122	81	1,467	37	755	31	678
September .....	157	4,354	2	35	102	2,689	34	1,397	36	865
Nine months 1956 .....	1,423	44,172	26	1,495	925	22,566	408	11,365	355	13,719
Nine months 1957 .....	1,635	52,644	43	1,367	977	22,381	419	11,137	457	21,801
Nine months 1958 .....	1,522	44,219	28	3,475	961	24,167	415	13,822	396	11,310

	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1956 - July .....	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August .....	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September .....	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October .....	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November .....	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December .....	10	2,031	1	60	4	60	6	118	3	550
1957 - January .....	26	1,886	2	54	8	127	10	661	3	633
February .....	17	996	2	39	2	87	4	145	6	128
March .....	18	583	4	61	3	173	6	561	5	71
April .....	16	652	1	3	4	50	11	278	8	293
May .....	21	861	2	128	1	30	2	51	4	263
June .....	16	506	4	339	4	54	5	102	4	145
July .....	16	790	5	333	3	226	6	136	8	351
August .....	21	598	2	35	3	931	10	186	7	149
September .....	19	646	-	-	2	19	1	49	4	205
October .....	34	2,946	1	13	-	-	1	8	5	115
November .....	23	864	2	51	2	15	2	71	3	65
December .....	25	1,279	1	48	2	45	4	62	1	24
1958 - January .....	21	680	3	981	2	12	8	342	6	204
February .....	21	1,026	3	252	-	-	6	131	6	286
March .....	18	455	5	218	3	10	8	130	7	135
April .....	18	958	2	77	3	35	6	194	3	193
May .....	16	819	1	91	2	10	5	48	7	134
June .....	16	1,276	5	117	1	18	4	148	4	146
July .....	11	168	2	19	2	35	2	220	8	213
August .....	11	353	-	-	-	-	1	78	5	22
September .....	17	386	1	11	2	9	8	637	6	108
Nine months 1956 .....	93	5,155	17	2,692	24	834	31	1,014	45	1,842
Nine months 1957 .....	170	7,517	22	992	30	1,696	55	2,170	49	2,238
Nine months 1958 .....	149	6,121	22	1,766	15	129	48	1,928	52	1,441

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1956			1957					1958		
	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	15	9	54	17	7	11	18	53	18	9	13
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	48	51	180	53	52	42	54	201	54	32	42
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	10	15	54	21	15	8	10	54	10	11	10
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	3	6	33	5	1	11	12	29	13	5	5
Over \$100,000 .....	5	2	21	8	6	7	6	27	16	7	7
Total .....	81	83	342	104	81	79	100	364	111	64	77
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	13	14	49	15	3	7	8	33	9	11	11
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	43	49	182	59	40	54	53	206	54	50	40
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	16	18	71	23	16	16	14	69	16	15	11
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	12	14	43	14	10	5	8	37	7	8	9
Over \$100,000 .....	7	17	30	11	6	3	7	27	7	5	2
Total .....	91	112	375	122	75	85	90	372	93	89	73
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	23	31	117	37	26	32	39	134	31	29	24
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	116	119	460	136	143	125	124	528	164	129	97
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	21	38	121	29	38	36	39	142	35	31	27
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	9	15	63	22	22	18	16	78	16	10	12
Over \$100,000 .....	5	8	25	15	3	8	7	33	9	8	4
Total .....	174	211	786	239	232	219	225	915	255	207	164
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	19	17	75	19	15	17	11	62	12	202	14
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	22	36	123	41	30	29	39	139	42	406	29
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	8	7	28	4	11	9	4	28	8	8	3
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	3	5	9	5	2	-	5	12	4	5	3
Over \$100,000 .....	3	-	8	-	-	3	3	6	3	3	1
Total .....	55	65	243	69	58	58	62	247	69	84	50
<u>Total Canada</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	88	90	352	102	59	83	92	336	88	81	68
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	256	295	1,067	342	299	283	319	1,243	371	287	238
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	61	88	303	88	87	78	81	334	79	72	56
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	29	41	155	52	36	40	45	173	41	30	31
Over \$100,000 .....	20	30	90	36	20	28	28	112	37	27	16
Total .....	454	544	1,967	620	501	512	565	2,198	616	497	409
<u>quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	81	79	287	86	49	68	73	276	73	62	53
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	174	197	699	224	193	160	198	775	240	168	147
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	39	36	163	47	36	32	45	160	44	40	32
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	14	18	76	24	11	16	24	75	20	18	16
Over \$100,000 .....	11	10	40	15	5	11	10	41	22	14	12
Total .....	319	340	1,265	396	294	287	350	1,327	399	302	260
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	6	9	51	14	5	14	16	49	12	15	7
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	52	75	263	73	77	86	99	335	90	89	71
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	21	33	99	29	35	35	33	132	23	24	16
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	11	17	60	22	18	14	18	72	16	6	9
Over \$100,000 .....	4	18	34	14	9	12	17	52	9	8	1
Total .....	94	152	507	152	144	161	183	640	150	142	104

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1956 - July .....	24.0	27.4	17.8	43.3	49.6	14.2	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.3
August .....	31.7	73.7	31.8	21.5	18.4	98.8	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September .....	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.9	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.2
October .....	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	20.5	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November .....	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	16.0
December .....	53.4	69.6	49.8	70.6	21.6	18.3	38.8	75.1	24.3	11.0
1957 - January .....	32.7	19.4	23.2	48.2	42.1	211.0	43.9	45.6	23.4	7.9
February .....	31.1	48.9	24.2	48.7	33.9	21.3	32.9	41.7	31.1	14.0
March .....	33.1	12.6	21.9	53.3	61.1	14.2	24.0	47.0	41.6	19.2
April .....	24.7	36.4	18.2	37.2	20.7	36.6	29.2	26.3	23.5	16.9
May .....	24.4	39.0	15.7	35.1	41.8	65.7	22.7	47.0	21.1	13.2
June .....	24.5	38.2	16.7	34.1	38.1	36.3	30.6	28.4	21.2	16.0
July .....	33.8	5.9	30.9	34.1	49.6	43.9	39.6	25.0	33.7	33.8
August .....	55.3	28.3	37.1	87.4	76.8	21.4	60.2	119.6	21.8	12.0
September .....	29.9	48.8	20.0	48.1	22.8	51.3	55.3	17.5	22.7	29.9
October .....	36.2	15.0	20.2	63.6	10.5	23.0	22.0	69.0	20.9	23.0
November .....	27.7	7.0	25.2	34.4	22.9	21.6	32.6	31.0	22.4	12.9
December .....	28.2	13.2	23.3	40.5	22.1	24.1	41.3	27.8	27.2	25.6
1958 - January .....	25.8	26.8	19.5	23.8	102.7	34.0	40.2	27.3	22.8	23.8
February .....	38.5	24.8	41.1	31.7	42.6	47.7	69.8	30.4	27.0	19.4
March .....	34.4	788.8	21.7	28.7	22.4	19.2	35.7	112.1	21.9	19.7
April .....	29.8	82.7	25.9	32.1	27.8	64.4	59.0	27.1	26.3	20.6
May .....	30.8	35.4	31.8	32.4	18.6	19.2	47.9	23.6	21.3	23.3
June .....	25.5	76.3	17.7	38.5	28.3	36.6	20.1	33.5	18.1	36.1
July .....	25.5	52.0	25.6	19.4	45.7	26.6	27.3	26.0	23.0	20.1
August .....	19.6	40.7	18.1	21.9	78.0	44.4	18.0	26.8	19.5	14.4
September .....	27.7	17.5	26.4	24.0	59.7	18.0	52.8	23.5	21.8	12.1
Nine months 1956 .....	31.0	57.5	24.4	38.6	63.1	40.9	49.9	37.2	26.6	21.8
Nine months 1957 .....	32.2	31.8	22.9	47.7	45.4	45.7	37.8	47.0	26.4	17.9
Nine months 1958 .....	29.1	124.1	25.1	28.6	45.0	27.7	40.7	36.7	22.6	22.3

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

Wage-Earner Failures										
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1956 - July .....	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August .....	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September .....	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October .....	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November .....	110	-	107	2	-	1	81	66	8	7
December .....	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
1957 - January .....	119	-	112	3	2	2	53	49	2	2
February .....	104	-	99	4	-	1	36	28	6	2
March .....	121	-	116	5	-	-	42	37	4	1
April .....	111	-	103	4	3	1	43	40	2	1
May .....	94	-	89	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	85	-	76	5	2	2	32	27	3	2
July .....	115	-	110	5	-	-	26	23	2	1
August .....	114	1	105	3	4	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	113	1	110	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
October .....	120	-	114	5	1	-	52	47	5	-
November .....	121	-	116	3	1	1	61	55	4	2
December .....	103	1	95	5	2	-	72	67	4	1
1958 - January .....	105	-	97	6	-	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	109	-	100	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	86	1	64	13	6	2	39	35	3	1
April .....	88	1	79	6	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	110	2	92	14	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	106	-	95	7	3	1	43	38	4	1
July .....	94	1	86	5	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	86	1	73	8	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	90	8	-	3	37	31	6	-
Nine months 1956 .....	678	1	660	15	1	1	551	508	29	14
Nine months 1957 .....	976	2	920	36	11	7	349	310	25	14
Nine months 1958 .....	885	6	776	73	21	9	339	295	28	16



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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During 1958, the total number of business insolvencies recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts fell off to 2,070 as compared with 2,213 in 1957, a decline of 6.5 per cent. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$60,011,000, nearly 25 per cent below the (revised) total for the previous year. Average liability per failure thus fell off from \$36,100 in 1957 to \$29,000 in 1958.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past the trade sector accounted for the largest share of bankruptcies. Failures of trading establishments declined by 7.4 per cent from 928 in 1957 to 859. Insolvencies of automotive products establishments rose sharply as compared with the previous year, and failures of firms selling hardware and building materials also increased. Insolvencies of clothing and shoe stores, furniture and appliance establishments and miscellaneous businesses declined in the inter-year comparison.

Insolvencies of manufacturing businesses dropped from 366 to 341, due partly to a falling off in the failures of businesses producing foods and beverages. Insolvencies of construction establishments decreased from 372 to 345, and failures of transportation businesses from 109 to 89. Bankruptcies of "service" undertakings, however, advanced from 244 in 1957 to 277.

Estimated liabilities declined by 35 per cent in the construction sector, and also fell off substantially in the trade division, and in finance and public utilities. Manufacturing liabilities decreased slightly, but liabilities advanced in the services and transportation fields. Of the main groups, manufactures showed the highest average liability of \$40,200.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

As usual, the greatest number of liabilities occurred in Quebec, where 1,331 businesses were declared bankrupt as compared with 1,359 during the previous year. Total estimated liabilities in Quebec declined from \$37,266,000 in 1957 to \$33,439,000, with average liability per failure falling off from \$27,400 to \$25,100. Bankruptcies in Ontario decreased from 630 to 534, and total estimated liabilities from \$31,349,000 to \$16,412,000. Average liability per failure therefore fell off from \$49,800 to \$30,700. Number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces declined from 113 to 99, and total liabilities from \$5,683,000 to \$4,050,000. In British Columbia, number of failures rose from 57 to 72, but total liabilities fell off from \$3,056,000 to \$2,455,000. The Atlantic Provinces showed a reverse trend, failures declining from 54 to 34, and liabilities rising from \$2,508,000 to \$3,655,000.

Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 liability range. In 1958 there were 1,196 defaulting firms in this category, nearly 58 per cent of all failures, as compared with 1,096 in 1957. On the other hand, the number of insolvencies of larger firms with over \$50,000 in liabilities fell off substantially from 358 in 1957 to 260. The number of larger trade and construction establishments going bankrupt declined sharply in 1958.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (The Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) but not failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter, and Year 1958 with Comparisons

	THE FOURTH QUARTER										THE YEAR			
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prairie Provinces	B.C.	Total Fourth Quarter				Total				
						Number		Liabilities		Number		Liabilities		
						1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	
								\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000	
	- Number -													
AGRICULTURE .....	1	11	2	1	-	15	13	212	245	45	51	825	1,298	
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING ..	-	-	1	-	1	2	3	261	26	5	14	296	558	
MINING .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1,645	7	15	153	3,795	
MANUFACTURES														
Foods and Beverages .....	-	4	2	-	-	6	8	56	114	24	38	934	1,239	
Textiles .....	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	78	119	5	5	274	347	
Clothing .....	-	8	2	-	-	10	9	160	338	47	34	2,625	1,407	
Wood Products .....	-	9	3	-	2	14	16	605	822	62	69	2,722	4,449	
Paper Products & Printing														
Trades .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	5	7	103	21	26	505	622	
Iron & Steel & Trans- portation Equipment .....	1	27	10	2	-	40	38	1,583	1,195	117	114	3,035	4,244	
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	7	3	-	-	10	9	859	386	25	22	1,636	682	
Chemical Products .....	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	3	33	3	3	41	73	
Other Industries .....	-	2	1	-	-	3	13	52	278	37	55	1,935	1,612	
Total Manufactures .....	1	60	22	2	2	87	101	3,403	3,388	341	366	13,708	14,675	
CONSTRUCTION														
General Contractors .....	2	22	17	1	1	43	55	2,525	3,260	163	204	8,848	14,781	
Special Trade Contractors ..	-	33	12	-	2	47	34	970	860	182	168	4,004	4,891	
Total Construction .....	2	55	29	1	3	90	89	3,495	4,119	345	372	12,852	19,672	
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	-	15	6	3	1	25	22	715	293	89	109	2,715	1,580	
TRADE														
Food .....	-	36	7	1	1	45	41	579	1,025	171	164	3,037	3,468	
General Merchandise .....	-	5	1	-	-	6	4	295	239	44	43	961	1,042	
Automotive Products .....	-	11	5	-	2	18	8	1,059	377	79	47	3,170	2,151	
Filling Stations .....	-	18	6	1	-	15	13	107	206	48	53	411	860	
Clothing .....	-	19	9	1	1	30	39	558	948	127	137	2,424	3,259	
Shoes .....	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	49	100	10	18	157	370	
Hardware & Building														
Materials .....	-	18	10	-	1	29	16	1,132	572	75	64	2,386	2,700	
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	1	24	10	-	2	37	26	1,099	891	110	128	3,278	4,987	
Fuel .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	1	49	48	8	11	396	310	
Drugs .....	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	9	6	7	4	100	197	
Jewellery .....	-	6	1	-	-	7	6	121	97	28	25	682	591	
Other Trades .....	1	20	14	1	2	38	66	622	1,232	152	234	2,847	5,967	
Total Trade .....	2	154	63	5	9	233	224	5,679	5,742	859	928	19,849	25,902	
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES ...	-	9	1	-	-	10	18	167	1,529	34	40	1,941	4,959	
SERVICE														
Community Service .....	-	4	-	-	-	4	1	37	11	12	11	117	56	
Recreational Service .....	-	2	1	-	1	4	7	311	243	18	17	716	493	
Business Service .....	-	4	4	1	-	9	10	110	309	34	26	498	620	
Personal Service .....	-	48	8	1	-	57	44	1,181	1,292	213	190	4,841	4,342	
Total Service .....	-	58	13	2	1	74	62	1,639	1,855	277	244	6,173	5,510	
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	7	-	-	3	10	27	149	483	68	74	1,499	1,913	
TOTAL .....	6	369	137	14	20	546	565	15,720	19,325	2,070	2,213	60,011	79,862	



Table 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<b>1957</b>								
January .....	247	8,652	9	163	40	1,769	8	554
February .....	212	6,868	5	108	34	1,192	9	241
March .....	192	7,000	5	108	32	1,407	7	823
April .....	170	5,481	3	142	30	905	9	278
May .....	158	5,893	4	76	25	1,005	2	209
June .....	174	5,498	3	19	29	918	4	236
July .....	168	5,992	2	208	25	1,088	4	91
August .....	164	9,894	1	59	23	1,556	3	207
September .....	163	5,258	6	170	27	1,446	7	986
October .....	196	7,631	3	28	36	802	6	172
November .....	197	6,036	7	142	39	1,377	4	167
December .....	172	5,658	3	75	26	1,208	6	483
<b>1958</b>								
January .....	227	5,857	3	57	42	1,688	7	89
February .....	183	7,053	2	33	31	2,162	3	260
March .....	206	7,079	6	54	39	1,393	8	125
April .....	165	4,915	7	189	18	1,062	2	404
May .....	152	4,674	3	61	17	815	7	484
June .....	180	4,582	3	58	29	584	5	196
July .....	131	3,369	4	115	25	690	6	71
August .....	122	2,372	1	40	25	436	4	178
September .....	158	4,389	1	5	28	1,473	6	310
October .....	185	5,000	9	156	34	580	6	176
November .....	178	4,844	2	26	24	1,805	3	365
December .....	183	5,877	4	30	29	1,018	5	65
Twelve months 1957 .....	2,213	79,862	51	1,298	366	14,675	69	4,449
Twelve months 1958 .....	2,070	60,011	45	825	341	13,708	62	2,722
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<b>1957</b>								
January .....	14	558	50	2,267	19	100	98	2,299
February .....	8	164	44	2,008	14	400	83	2,467
March .....	5	67	32	1,765	8	133	76	2,848
April .....	8	104	25	746	8	109	78	2,414
May .....	11	386	29	2,356	6	71	69	1,742
June .....	9	362	19	924	8	67	89	2,424
July .....	8	179	32	859	2	24	71	2,329
August .....	6	1,065	33	4,302	11	116	68	1,639
September .....	7	166	19	326	11	266	72	1,999
October .....	14	191	30	2,205	7	114	82	1,702
November .....	16	716	34	1,043	7	105	72	1,756
December .....	8	288	25	871	8	73	70	2,284

Table 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months  
and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1958								
January .....	11	231	35	957	7	89	96	2,192
February .....	9	290	31	941	10	1,348	71	1,917
March .....	13	284	27	3,027	11	107	87	1,908
April .....	6	95	28	761	6	44	68	1,790
May .....	6	161	22	521	4	76	77	1,643
June .....	7	86	39	1,300	9	148	62	1,120
July .....	7	148	24	624	5	37	52	1,222
August .....	9	74	23	616	7	116	45	879
September .....	9	83	26	610	5	36	68	1,499
October .....	19	291	19	834	10	592	77	1,908
November .....	8	736	36	1,057	11	101	76	1,418
December .....	13	556	35	1,603	4	22	80	2,352
Twelve months 1957 .....	114	4,244	372	19,672	109	1,580	928	25,902
Twelve months 1958 .....	117	3,035	345	12,852	89	2,715	859	19,849
T r a d e								
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Service	
							Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1957								
January .....	15	161	17	233	12	759	24	198
February .....	15	298	14	534	13	575	19	277
March .....	12	177	9	207	11	329	25	503
April .....	15	589	10	177	10	482	21	336
May .....	12	296	12	259	12	532	19	505
June .....	17	278	13	339	11	407	19	306
July .....	17	310	9	226	11	266	21	731
August .....	9	125	8	134	11	435	17	311
September .....	11	211	6	202	11	361	17	486
October .....	15	328	10	148	6	106	22	805
November .....	10	153	15	392	11	296	12	247
December .....	16	544	14	409	9	489	28	803
1958								
January .....	14	527	18	333	7	149	28	667
February .....	15	313	9	165	12	208	19	369
March .....	23	492	9	140	16	414	22	433
April .....	10	240	11	177	8	397	29	596
May .....	14	296	14	200	8	299	22	513
June .....	12	90	11	206	8	167	33	1,190
July .....	13	189	11	281	3	82	16	323
August .....	9	96	5	65	5	190	14	202
September .....	16	215	9	299	6	272	20	242
October .....	14	254	11	207	5	80	29	711
November .....	19	208	4	33	14	410	22	387
December .....	12	117	15	318	18	610	23	541
Twelve months 1957 .....	164	3,468	137	3,259	128	5,037	244	5,510
Twelve months 1958 .....	171	3,037	127	2,424	110	3,278	277	6,173

Table 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1957 - January .....	247	8,652	5	120	169	4,014	71	1,634	52	2,530
February .....	212	6,868	6	359	143	3,761	67	1,744	49	2,238
March .....	192	7,000	6	86	118	2,970	53	1,253	50	2,888
April .....	170	5,481	2	168	100	2,889	56	1,415	46	1,794
May .....	158	5,893	4	235	98	2,799	39	789	47	2,397
June .....	174	5,498	6	442	101	2,249	44	770	51	1,846
July .....	168	5,992	2	10	90	2,846	44	1,850	53	2,053
August .....	164	9,894	6	229	86	3,525	40	2,293	55	4,919
September .....	163	5,258	4	312	107	2,675	45	838	46	2,032
October .....	196	7,631	2	71	114	2,878	54	1,203	72	4,497
November .....	197	6,036	6	267	124	3,562	57	1,338	58	2,021
December .....	172	5,658	5	208	109	3,100	39	1,037	51	2,132
1958 - January .....	227	5,857	2	54	147	2,860	66	1,731	59	1,405
February .....	183	7,053	5	124	117	4,803	48	3,711	46	1,458
March .....	206	7,079	3	2,366	135	2,929	54	1,722	45	1,291
April .....	165	4,915	3	248	94	2,432	48	1,604	54	1,735
May .....	152	4,674	4	141	95	3,017	39	1,122	38	1,232
June .....	180	4,582	3	229	113	1,996	53	815	50	1,927
July .....	131	3,369	3	163	77	1,999	36	965	37	719
August .....	122	2,372	3	122	82	1,471	37	755	31	678
September .....	158	4,389	2	35	102	2,716	34	1,397	37	872
October .....	185	5,000	3	80	126	3,147	51	1,365	44	1,051
November .....	178	4,844	1	32	116	2,617	68	1,563	49	2,064
December .....	183	5,877	2	60	127	3,452	58	1,137	44	1,979
Twelve months 1957 .....	2,213	79,862	54	2,508	1,359	37,266	609	16,163	630	31,349
Twelve months 1958 .....	2,070	60,011	34	3,655	1,331	33,439	592	17,886	534	16,412
	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1957 - January .....	25	1,877	2	54	6	79	10	1,221	3	633
February .....	17	1,047	2	39	2	87	4	256	6	128
March .....	20	621	4	61	3	173	6	561	5	262
April .....	16	658	1	3	4	70	9	254	8	302
May .....	21	887	2	128	1	15	2	47	4	273
June .....	17	763	4	341	4	47	5	94	3	480
July .....	17	1,028	5	333	3	226	6	136	9	389
August .....	22	555	2	35	3	935	6	96	6	155
September .....	17	494	-	-	2	19	-	-	4	220
October .....	34	2,946	1	13	-	-	2	57	5	117
November .....	23	897	2	52	2	15	2	44	3	75
December .....	25	1,319	1	48	2	96	3	50	1	23
1958 - January .....	21	680	3	981	2	12	8	342	6	204
February .....	21	1,026	3	252	-	-	6	131	6	286
March .....	18	455	5	218	3	10	8	130	7	135
April .....	18	958	2	77	3	35	6	194	3	193
May .....	16	819	1	91	2	10	5	48	7	134
June .....	16	1,276	5	117	1	18	4	148	4	146
July .....	11	168	2	19	2	35	2	220	8	213
August .....	11	353	-	-	-	-	1	78	5	22
September .....	17	386	1	11	2	9	8	637	6	108
October .....	15	264	1	12	2	59	1	6	8	644
November .....	20	810	2	28	-	-	3	22	7	82
December .....	15	802	3	37	-	-	2	61	5	288
Twelve months 1957 .....	254	13,090	26	1,106	32	1,760	55	2,817	57	3,056
Twelve months 1958 .....	199	7,997	28	1,844	17	188	54	2,018	72	2,455

Table 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1957					1958				
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	13	9	20	60	18	9	15	15	57
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	48	41	38	47	174	52	32	41	43	168
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	22	15	10	14	61	11	11	10	13	45
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	7	7	11	14	39	14	5	5	6	30
Over \$100,000 .....	11	8	7	6	32	17	7	7	10	41
Total .....	106	84	75	101	366	112	64	78	87	341
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	17	8	11	10	46	9	11	11	15	46
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	53	25	48	41	167	54	50	40	42	186
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	24	18	16	18	76	16	15	11	15	57
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	20	13	6	11	50	7	8	9	9	33
Over \$100,000 .....	12	9	3	9	33	7	5	2	9	23
Total .....	126	73	84	89	372	93	89	73	90	345
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	51	37	31	36	155	31	29	24	35	119
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	139	112	115	124	490	164	129	97	138	528
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	25	50	37	36	148	35	31	28	30	124
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	27	29	14	18	88	15	10	12	18	55
Over \$100,000 .....	15	8	14	10	47	9	8	4	12	33
Total .....	257	236	211	224	928	254	207	165	233	859
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	20	17	12	68	12	22	14	19	67
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	38	25	26	35	124	42	46	29	41	158
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	6	11	7	6	30	8	8	3	5	24
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	5	2	2	3	12	4	5	3	5	17
Over \$100,000 .....	-	1	3	6	10	3	3	1	4	11
Total .....	68	59	55	62	244	69	84	50	74	277
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	132	94	84	94	404	88	81	70	98	337
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	322	220	258	296	1,096	371	287	237	301	1,196
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	90	101	79	85	355	79	72	57	69	277
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	64	53	39	52	208	41	30	31	41	143
Over \$100,000 .....	43	34	35	38	150	37	27	16	37	117
Total .....	651	502	495	565	2,213	616	497	411	546	2,070
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	113	72	63	71	319	73	62	55	79	269
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	213	143	153	186	695	240	168	146	198	752
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	51	44	33	42	170	44	40	32	45	161
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	34	26	17	31	108	20	18	16	29	83
Over \$100,000 .....	19	14	17	17	67	22	14	12	18	66
Total .....	430	299	283	347	1,359	399	302	261	369	1,331
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	15	18	19	67	12	15	7	16	50
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	70	64	77	90	301	90	89	72	78	328
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	28	33	34	35	130	23	24	16	18	81
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	24	20	15	18	77	16	6	9	10	41
Over \$100,000 .....	14	12	10	19	55	9	8	1	15	32
Total .....	151	144	154	181	630	150	142	105	137	534

Table 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1957										
January .....	35.0	24.0	23.8	48.7	75.2	211.0	44.2	45.3	23.5	8.2
February .....	32.4	59.9	26.3	45.7	47.8	21.3	35.1	45.6	29.7	14.6
March .....	36.5	14.3	25.2	57.8	61.1	52.3	44.0	55.1	37.5	20.1
April .....	32.2	84.1	28.9	39.0	23.3	37.8	30.2	29.9	30.9	16.0
May .....	37.3	58.8	28.6	51.0	37.8	68.2	40.2	81.2	25.2	26.6
June .....	31.6	73.7	22.3	36.2	37.1	159.8	31.7	48.7	27.2	16.1
July .....	35.7	5.0	31.6	38.7	49.6	43.2	43.5	26.8	32.8	34.8
August .....	60.3	38.2	41.0	89.4	96.9	25.8	67.6	130.4	24.1	18.3
September .....	32.3	78.0	25.0	44.2	9.6	55.0	53.6	17.2	27.8	28.6
October .....	38.9	35.3	25.2	62.5	23.4	23.3	22.3	73.5	20.8	36.6
November .....	30.6	44.6	28.7	34.8	18.4	25.0	35.3	30.7	24.4	20.6
December .....	32.9	41.6	28.4	41.8	32.4	23.4	46.5	34.8	32.6	28.7
1958										
January .....	25.8	26.8	19.5	23.8	102.7	34.0	40.2	27.3	22.8	23.8
February .....	38.5	24.8	41.1	31.7	42.6	47.7	69.8	30.4	27.0	19.4
March .....	34.4	788.8	21.7	28.7	22.4	19.2	35.7	112.1	21.9	19.7
April .....	29.8	82.7	25.9	32.1	27.8	64.4	59.0	27.1	26.3	20.6
May .....	30.8	35.4	31.8	32.4	18.6	19.2	47.9	23.6	21.3	23.3
June .....	25.5	76.3	17.7	38.5	28.3	36.6	20.1	33.5	18.1	36.1
July .....	25.7	54.3	26.0	19.4	45.8	26.6	27.6	26.0	23.5	20.2
August .....	19.4	40.8	17.9	21.9	78.0	4.4	17.5	26.8	19.5	14.4
September .....	27.8	17.7	26.6	23.6	59.7	18.0	52.6	23.5	22.1	12.1
October .....	27.0	26.7	25.0	23.9	19.2	80.5	17.1	43.9	24.8	24.5
November .....	27.2	32.0	22.6	42.1	9.8	11.7	75.2	29.4	18.7	17.6
December .....	32.1	30.1	27.2	45.0	19.7	57.5	35.1	45.8	29.4	23.5
The year 1957 .....	36.1	46.4	27.4	49.8	50.3	53.6	40.1	52.9	27.9	22.6
The year 1958 .....	29.0	107.5	25.1	30.7	40.9	34.1	40.2	37.3	22.1	22.3

Table 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1957										
January .....	102	-	96	3	2	1	53	49	2	2
February .....	95	-	90	4	-	1	36	28	6	2
March .....	102	-	97	5	-	-	42	37	4	1
April .....	110	-	103	4	2	1	43	40	2	1
May .....	91	-	86	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	79	-	72	4	1	2	32	27	3	2
July .....	110	-	104	5	-	1	26	23	2	1
August .....	109	1	102	2	3	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	109	1	106	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
October .....	116	-	111	5	-	-	52	47	5	-
November .....	120	-	115	3	1	1	61	55	4	2
December .....	102	-	94	6	2	-	72	67	4	1
1958										
January .....	105	-	97	6	-	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	109	-	100	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	86	1	64	13	6	2	39	35	3	1
April .....	88	1	79	6	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	110	2	92	14	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	106	-	95	7	3	1	43	38	4	1
July .....	94	1	86	5	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	86	1	73	8	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	90	8	-	3	37	31	6	-
October .....	117	1	106	8	2	-	48	39	9	-
November .....	87	-	84	2	1	-	40	35	4	1
December .....	80	-	69	9	2	-	31	26	3	2
12 months 1957 .....	1,245	2	1,176	48	11	8	534	479	38	17
12 months 1958 .....	1,169	7	1,035	92	26	9	458	395	44	19







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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

The total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 553 during the first quarter of 1959, a decrease of over 10 per cent from the revised total of 616 for the first quarter of 1958. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities for the first quarter was \$17,469,000, 12.6 per cent below the revised total for the previous year of \$19,990,000. Average liability per failure thus decreased from \$32,500 in the first quarter of 1958 to \$31,600 in the first three months of 1959.

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector as in the past. Insolvencies of all trading establishments decreased almost 12 per cent from 254 in the first quarter of 1958 to 224. Failures of general merchandise establishments, stores selling furniture, appliances and radios, filling stations, food stores and firms selling automotive products fell as compared with the same period of 1958, while bankruptcies increased for clothing stores and hardware and building materials businesses.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

Bankruptcies numbered 109 in the first quarter in both the construction and manufacturing industries. This was an increase, for the construction industry, of over 17 per cent above the corresponding period for the previous year, entirely due to the larger number of failures of "special" contractors. Insolvencies in the manufacturing industry decreased slightly from the first quarter of 1958, the largest decreases being in the clothing and food and beverages industries. The manufacturers of iron and steel and transportation equipment and of electrical apparatus and non-ferrous metal products showed a reverse trend. Bankruptcies in the services sector were little changed in the first quarter comparison, while there was a sharp decrease in the number of defaulting transportation businesses from 28 to 13. Failures in the agricultural industry showed a slight increase from 11 to 14 in the first quarter comparison.

Estimated liabilities declined by 88 per cent from the first quarter of 1958 in the transportation field and by 32.6 per cent in the construction sector. Substantial decreases in liabilities were also found in the manufacturing and service industries. In contrast there was a slight increase in liabilities in the trade division and a very substantial one in finance in the first quarter comparison.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 337 bankruptcies in Quebec during the first quarter of 1959, a drop from the 399 recorded during the first quarter of 1958 but still by far the largest number for any economic area. The total estimated liabilities in Quebec declined by slightly over 24 per cent to \$8,036,000 from \$10,591,000 in the first quarter of the previous year, the average liability per failure thus falling from \$26,500 to \$23,800 for the first quarter of 1959. The number of insolvencies in Ontario increased slightly in the first quarter comparison to 160 from 150, while the total estimated liabilities rose by over 59 per cent to \$6,614,000, placing the average liability per failure at a sharply greater figure of \$41,300 as compared with that of \$27,700 for the same period in the previous year. Failures in the Prairie Provinces fell off from 38 to 26, liabilities from \$2,076,000 to \$1,185,000 and the average liability from \$54,600 to \$45,600. There was little change in the number of bankruptcies in British Columbia with 18 in the first quarter of 1959 and 19 in the same period of 1958. Liabilities increased however to \$870,000 from \$625,000 and average liability per failure from \$32,900 to \$48,300.

Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 liability range. A slight decrease in the percentage of the total accounted for by this group is noted in the first quarter comparison, due to a fall in the importance of this range in the trade sector. Manufacturing businesses in contrast showed a rather larger percentage of failures in this group. Quebec contributed the largest number of bankruptcies in the \$5,000 and under category which accounted for 20.5 per cent of the failures in that province in the first quarter. In contrast this liability group accounted for only 8.8 per cent of the Ontario insolvencies.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by

First Quarter, 1959

	FIRST QUARTER					
	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
AGRICULTURE .....	-	1	5	10	2	2
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	1	-	2	-	-
MINING .....	-	-	2	-	-	1
MANUFACTURES -						
Foods and Beverages .....	-	-	8	4	1	-
Textiles .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
Clothing .....	1	1	12	10	5	1
Wood Products .....	-	-	14	8	2	7
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	-	7	9	2	2
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	-	22	25	8	11
Electrical Apparatus & Non-Ferrous Metals .....	-	-	7	11	2	-
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	-	8	11	3	3
Total Manufactures .....	1	1	79	78	23	24
CONSTRUCTION -						
General Contractors .....	3	-	25	18	15	22
Special Trade Contractors .....	1	-	31	39	10	19
Total Construction .....	4	-	56	57	25	41
TRANSPORTATION, ST. & C. ....	-	-	21	5	4	4
TRADE -						
Food .....	1	2	38	32	12	8
General Merchandise .....	-	2	14	3	2	-
Automotive Products .....	1	-	8	6	9	8
Filling Stations .....	-	-	10	4	5	2
Clothing .....	-	-	18	27	13	16
Shoes .....	-	-	3	2	-	2
Hardware & Building Materials .....	-	1	10	7	1	9
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	-	-	17	14	14	9
Fuel .....	-	-	2	3	-	-
Drugs .....	-	-	2	2	-	1
Jewellery .....	1	-	4	4	2	2
Other Trades .....	1	1	35	27	12	15
Total Trade .....	4	6	161	131	70	72
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	1	2	3	5	1
SERVICE -						
Community Service .....	-	-	3	2	-	1
Recreational Service .....	-	-	4	3	-	-
Business Service .....	-	-	2	5	1	3
Personal Service .....	-	2	43	41	11	11
Total Service .....	-	2	52	51	12	15
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	1	-	21	-	9	-
TOTAL .....	10	12	399	337	150	160

Economic Areas and Industries

with Comparative Figures for 1958

FIRST QUARTER							
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Number		Total	Liabilities
1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
						\$ '000	\$ '000
4	1	-	-	11	14	144	227
-	-	-	1	-	4	-	109
1	1	-	1	3	3	90	209
1	-	-	1	10	5	597	72
-	-	-	-	1	-	66	-
-	-	-	-	18	12	1,301	653
-	1	2	1	18	17	474	224
-	-	1	-	10	11	350	221
1	1	2	2	33	39	804	1,917
-	-	-	-	9	11	547	676
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	13	14	1,105	485
4	2	5	4	112	109	5,244	4,249
4	2	1	3	48	45	4,018	2,038
3	4	-	2	45	64	907	1,283
7	6	1	5	93	109	4,925	3,321
1	4	2	-	28	13	1,544	186
1	2	-	-	52	44	1,331	644
2	1	-	-	18	6	263	289
1	-	-	-	19	14	643	1,460
2	1	-	-	17	7	178	141
2	2	3	2	36	47	637	787
-	-	-	-	3	4	35	72
-	-	-	1	11	18	228	890
3	-	1	1	35	24	771	625
-	-	-	-	2	3	320	92
-	-	-	-	2	3	39	35
2	1	1	-	10	7	176	102
-	4	1	-	49	47	1,395	949
13	11	6	4	254	224	6,017	6,085
1	-	-	1	8	6	133	1,892
-	-	-	-	3	3	52	70
1	-	-	-	5	3	175	67
1	-	1	-	5	8	106	63
-	1	2	2	56	57	1,136	994
2	1	3	2	69	71	1,469	1,193
5	-	2	-	38	-	423	-
38	26	19	18	616	553	19,990	17,469

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total			Agriculture			Manufactures			Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment			Construction		
	Number	Liab.	\$000	Number	Liab.	\$000	Number	Liab.	\$000	Number	Liab.	\$000	Number	Liab.	\$000
<b>1957</b>															
January .....	247	8,652		9	163		8	554		14	558		50	2,267	
February .....	212	6,868		5	108		9	251		8	164		44	2,008	
March .....	192	7,000		5	108		7	823		5	67		32	1,765	
April .....	170	5,481		3	142		9	905		8	104		25	746	
May .....	158	5,893		4	76		2	209		11	386		29	2,356	
June .....	174	5,498		3	19		4	236		9	362		19	924	
July .....	164	5,992		2	208		4	91		8	179		32	859	
August .....	163	5,894		1	59		3	207		6	1,065		33	4,302	
September .....	196	5,258		6	170		7	986		7	166		19	326	
October .....	197	7,631		3	28		6	172		14	191		30	2,205	
November .....	197	6,036		7	142		4	167		16	716		34	1,043	
December .....	172	5,658		3	75		6	483		8	288		25	871	
<b>1958</b>															
January .....	227	5,857		3	57		7	89		11	231		35	957	
February .....	183	7,053		2	33		3	260		9	290		31	941	
March .....	206	7,079		6	54		8	125		13	284		27	3,027	
April .....	165	4,915		7	189		2	404		6	95		28	761	
May .....	152	4,674		3	61		7	815		6	161		22	521	
June .....	181	4,710		3	58		5	196		7	86		40	1,429	
July .....	132	3,371		4	115		6	690		7	148		24	620	
August .....	122	2,372		1	40		4	71		9	74		23	616	
September .....	158	4,389		1	310		4	310		9	83		26	610	
October .....	185	5,000		9	156		6	176		19	291		19	834	
November .....	178	4,844		2	26		3	365		8	736		36	1,057	
December .....	183	5,870		4	30		5	63		13	556		35	1,611	
<b>1959</b>															
January .....	184	5,289		7	118		4	33		9	821		37	817	
February .....	196	5,469		3	14		11	175		16	762		37	834	
March .....	173	6,711		4	95		2	16		14	333		35	1,670	
Three months 1957 .....	651	22,520		19	379		24	1,618		27	788		126	6,040	
Three months 1958 .....	616	19,990		11	144		18	474		33	804		93	4,925	
Three months 1959 .....	553	17,469		14	227		17	224		39	1,917		109	3,321	



Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Transportation St. & C.			Trade						Service		
Number	Liab. \$000	Total		Food		Clothing		Furniture, Appliances and Radios		Number	Liab.
		Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000		
1957											
19	100	98	2,299	15	161	17	233	12	759	24	198
14	400	83	2,467	15	534	14	534	13	575	19	277
8	133	76	2,848	12	177	9	207	11	329	25	503
8	109	78	2,414	15	589	10	177	10	482	21	336
6	71	69	1,742	12	296	12	259	12	532	19	505
8	67	89	2,424	17	278	13	339	11	407	19	306
2	24	71	2,329	17	310	9	226	11	266	21	731
11	116	68	1,639	9	125	8	134	11	435	17	311
7	266	72	1,999	11	211	6	202	11	361	17	486
11	114	82	1,702	15	328	10	148	6	106	22	805
7	105	72	1,756	10	153	15	392	11	296	12	247
8	73	70	2,284	16	544	14	409	9	489	28	803
1958											
7	89	96	2,192	14	527	18	333	7	149	28	667
10	1,348	71	1,917	15	313	9	165	12	208	19	369
11	107	87	1,908	23	492	9	140	16	414	22	433
6	44	68	1,790	10	240	11	177	8	397	29	596
4	76	77	1,643	14	296	14	200	8	299	22	513
9	148	62	1,120	12	90	11	206	8	167	33	1,189
6	43	52	1,222	13	189	11	281	3	82	16	323
7	116	45	1,879	9	96	5	65	5	190	14	202
5	36	68	1,499	16	215	9	299	6	272	20	242
10	592	77	1,908	14	254	11	207	5	80	29	711
11	101	76	1,418	19	208	4	33	14	410	22	387
4	22	80	2,352	12	118	15	318	18	610	23	527
1959											
9	120	79	2,086	14	180	19	195	11	198	19	243
2	49	80	2,487	20	365	10	183	9	309	27	407
2	16	65	1,511	9	99	18	410	4	117	25	543
41	634	257	7,613	42	635	40	974	36	1,663	68	979
28	1,544	254	6,017	52	1,331	36	637	35	771	69	1,469
13	186	224	6,085	44	644	47	787	24	625	71	1,193

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months,  
Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000
<b>1957</b>										
January .....	5	120	169	4,014	52	2,530	2	54	6	79
February .....	6	359	143	3,761	49	2,238	2	39	2	87
March .....	6	86	118	2,970	50	2,888	4	61	3	173
April .....	2	168	100	2,889	46	1,794	1	3	4	70
May .....	4	235	98	2,799	47	2,397	2	128	1	15
June .....	6	442	101	2,249	51	1,846	4	341	4	47
July .....	2	10	90	2,846	53	2,053	5	333	3	226
August .....	6	229	86	3,525	55	4,919	2	35	3	935
September .....	4	312	107	2,675	46	2,032	-	-	2	19
October .....	2	71	114	2,878	72	4,497	1	13	-	-
November .....	6	267	124	3,562	58	2,021	2	52	2	15
December .....	5	208	109	3,100	51	2,132	1	48	2	96
<b>1958</b>										
January .....	2	54	147	2,860	59	1,405	3	981	2	12
February .....	5	124	117	4,803	46	1,458	3	252	-	-
March .....	3	2,366	135	2,929	45	1,291	5	218	3	10
April .....	3	248	94	2,432	54	1,735	2	77	3	35
May .....	4	141	95	3,017	38	1,232	1	91	2	10
June .....	3	229	113	1,996	50	1,927	5	118	1	18
July .....	3	163	78	2,001	37	719	2	19	2	35
August .....	3	122	82	1,471	31	678	-	-	-	-
September .....	2	35	102	2,716	37	872	1	11	2	9
October .....	3	80	126	3,147	44	1,051	1	12	2	59
November .....	1	32	116	2,618	49	2,064	2	28	-	-
December .....	2	60	127	3,437	44	1,979	3	45	-	-
<b>1959</b>										
January .....	6	467	110	2,519	57	2,074	1	32	2	15
February .....	4	224	115	2,492	57	2,095	4	109	1	48
March .....	2	72	112	3,025	46	2,445	2	19	3	774
Three months 1957 .....	17	565	430	10,744	151	7,657	8	154	11	338
Three months 1958 .....	10	2,544	399	10,591	150	4,154	11	1,451	5	22
Three months 1959 .....	12	763	337	8,036	160	6,614	7	159	6	837
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000
<b>1957</b>										
January .....	10	1,221	3	633	247	8,652	25	1,897	71	1,634
February .....	4	256	6	128	212	6,868	17	1,047	67	1,744
March .....	6	561	5	262	192	7,000	20	621	53	1,253
April .....	9	254	8	302	170	5,481	16	658	56	1,415
May .....	2	47	4	273	158	5,893	21	887	39	789
June .....	5	94	3	480	174	5,498	17	763	44	770
July .....	6	136	9	389	168	5,992	17	1,028	44	1,850
August .....	6	96	6	155	164	9,894	22	555	40	2,293
September .....	-	-	4	220	163	5,258	17	494	45	838
October .....	2	57	5	117	196	7,631	34	2,946	54	1,203
November .....	2	44	3	75	197	6,036	23	897	57	1,338
December .....	3	50	1	23	172	5,658	25	1,319	39	1,037
<b>1958</b>										
January .....	8	342	6	204	227	5,857	21	680	66	1,731
February .....	6	131	6	286	183	7,053	21	1,026	48	3,711
March .....	8	130	7	135	206	7,079	18	455	54	1,722
April .....	6	194	3	193	165	4,915	18	958	48	1,604
May .....	5	48	7	134	152	4,674	16	819	39	1,122
June .....	4	148	5	275	181	4,710	16	1,276	53	815
July .....	2	220	8	213	132	3,371	11	168	36	965
August .....	1	78	5	22	122	2,372	11	353	37	755
September .....	8	637	6	108	158	4,389	17	386	34	1,397
October .....	1	6	8	644	185	5,000	15	264	51	1,365
November .....	3	22	7	82	178	4,844	20	810	68	1,564
December .....	2	61	5	288	183	5,870	15	802	58	1,123
<b>1959</b>										
January .....	4	45	4	137	184	5,289	19	596	63	1,780
February .....	8	141	7	361	196	5,469	27	1,083	59	1,567
March .....	1	4	7	372	173	6,711	16	1,736	53	1,502
Three months 1957 .....	20	2,039	14	1,022	651	22,520	62	3,564	191	4,631
Three months 1958 .....	22	603	19	625	616	19,990	60	2,161	168	7,164
Three months 1959 .....	13	189	18	870	553	17,469	62	3,415	175	4,849

Table 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1957					1958					1959
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total	1st Qtr.
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	18	13	9	20	60	18	9	15	15	57	14
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000..	48	41	38	47	174	52	32	41	43	168	65
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000..	22	15	10	14	61	11	11	10	13	45	17
\$50,000 - \$100,000..	7	7	11	14	39	14	5	5	6	30	6
Over \$100,000 .....	11	8	7	6	32	17	7	7	10	41	7
Total .....	106	84	75	101	366	112	64	78	87	341	109
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	17	8	11	10	46	9	11	11	15	46	16
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000..	53	25	48	41	167	54	50	40	42	186	67
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000..	24	18	16	18	76	16	15	11	15	57	13
\$50,000 - \$100,000..	20	13	6	11	50	7	8	9	9	33	5
Over \$100,000 .....	12	9	3	9	33	7	6	2	9	24	8
Total .....	126	73	84	89	372	93	90	73	90	346	109
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	51	37	31	36	155	31	29	24	35	119	32
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000..	139	112	116	124	491	164	129	97	138	528	127
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000..	25	50	37	36	148	35	31	28	30	124	36
\$50,000 - \$100,000..	27	29	14	18	88	15	10	12	18	55	18
Over \$100,000 .....	15	8	14	10	47	9	8	4	12	33	11
Total .....	257	236	212	224	929	254	207	165	233	859	224
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	19	20	17	12	68	12	22	14	19	67	18
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000..	38	25	26	35	124	42	46	29	41	158	45
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000..	6	11	7	6	30	8	8	3	5	24	3
\$50,000 - \$100,000..	5	2	2	3	12	4	5	3	5	17	4
Over \$100,000 .....	-	1	3	6	10	3	3	1	4	11	1
Total .....	68	59	55	62	244	69	84	50	74	277	71
<u>Total Canada</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	132	94	84	94	404	88	82	70	98	338	86
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000..	322	220	258	296	1,096	371	286	238	301	1,196	326
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000..	90	101	79	85	355	79	72	57	69	277	71
\$50,000 - \$100,000..	64	53	39	52	208	41	30	31	41	143	38
Over \$100,000 .....	43	34	35	38	150	37	28	16	37	118	32
Total .....	651	502	495	565	2,213	616	498	412	546	2,072	553
<u>Quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	113	72	63	71	319	73	62	55	79	269	69
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000..	213	143	153	186	695	240	168	147	198	753	205
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000..	51	44	33	42	170	44	40	32	45	161	37
\$50,000 - \$100,000..	34	26	17	31	108	20	18	16	29	83	12
Over \$100,000 .....	19	14	17	17	67	22	14	12	18	66	14
Total .....	430	299	283	347	1,359	399	302	262	369	1,332	337
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	15	15	18	19	67	12	15	7	16	50	14
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000..	70	64	77	90	301	90	89	72	78	329	93
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000..	28	33	34	35	130	23	24	16	18	81	24
\$50,000 - \$100,000..	24	20	15	18	77	16	6	9	10	41	16
Over \$100,000 .....	14	12	10	19	55	9	8	1	15	33	13
Total .....	151	144	154	181	630	150	142	105	137	534	160

Table 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	- Thousand dollars -									
<u>1957</u>										
January .....	35.0	24.0	23.8	48.7	75.2	211.0	44.2	45.3	23.5	8.2
February .....	32.4	59.9	26.3	45.7	47.8	21.3	35.1	45.6	29.7	14.6
March .....	36.5	14.3	25.2	57.8	61.1	52.3	44.0	55.1	37.5	20.1
April .....	32.2	84.1	28.9	39.0	23.3	37.8	30.2	29.9	30.9	16.0
May .....	37.3	58.8	28.6	51.0	37.8	68.2	40.2	81.2	25.2	26.6
June .....	31.6	73.7	22.3	36.2	37.1	159.8	31.7	48.7	27.2	16.1
July .....	35.7	5.0	31.6	38.7	49.6	43.2	43.5	26.8	32.8	34.8
August .....	60.3	38.2	41.0	89.4	96.9	25.8	67.6	130.4	24.1	18.3
September .....	32.3	78.0	25.0	44.2	9.6	55.0	53.6	17.2	27.8	28.6
October .....	38.9	35.3	25.2	62.5	23.4	23.3	22.3	73.5	20.8	36.6
November .....	30.6	44.6	28.7	34.8	18.4	25.0	35.3	30.7	24.4	20.6
December .....	32.9	41.6	28.4	41.8	32.4	23.4	46.5	34.8	32.6	28.7
<u>1958</u>										
January .....	25.8	26.8	19.5	23.8	102.7	34.1	40.2	27.3	22.8	23.8
February .....	38.5	24.8	41.0	31.7	42.5	47.7	69.8	30.4	27.0	19.4
March .....	34.4	788.8	21.7	28.7	22.4	19.2	35.7	112.1	21.9	19.7
April .....	29.8	82.7	25.9	32.1	27.9	64.4	59.0	27.2	26.3	20.6
May .....	30.8	35.4	31.8	32.4	18.7	19.2	47.9	23.7	21.3	23.3
June .....	26.0	76.2	17.7	38.5	28.4	54.9	20.1	35.7	18.1	36.1
July .....	25.5	54.3	25.7	19.4	45.8	26.6	27.6	25.8	23.5	20.2
August .....	19.4	40.8	17.9	21.9	78.4	4.4	17.5	26.8	19.5	14.4
September .....	27.8	17.7	26.6	23.6	59.7	18.0	52.6	23.5	22.1	12.1
October .....	27.0	26.7	25.0	23.9	19.2	80.5	17.1	43.9	24.8	24.5
November .....	27.2	32.0	22.6	42.1	9.8	11.7	75.2	29.4	18.7	17.6
December .....	32.1	30.1	27.1	45.0	21.2	57.5	35.1	46.0	29.4	22.9
<u>1959 - January</u> .....	28.7	77.8	22.9	36.4	13.0	34.3	45.5	22.1	26.4	12.8
February .....	27.9	56.1	21.7	36.8	22.9	51.6	30.2	22.5	31.1	15.1
March .....	38.8	36.1	27.0	53.1	132.9	53.1	43.7	47.7	23.3	21.7
Three months 1957 ..	34.6	33.3	25.0	50.7	64.9	73.0	41.2	47.9	29.6	14.4
Three months 1958 ..	32.5	254.4	26.5	27.7	54.6	32.9	46.8	53.0	23.7	21.3
Three months 1959 ..	31.6	63.6	23.8	41.3	45.6	48.3	39.0	30.5	27.2	16.8

Table 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
<u>1957</u>										
January .....	102	-	96	3	2	1	53	49	2	2
February .....	95	-	90	4	-	1	36	28	6	2
March .....	102	-	97	5	-	-	42	37	4	1
April .....	110	-	103	4	2	1	43	40	2	1
May .....	91	-	86	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	79	-	72	4	1	2	32	27	3	2
July .....	110	-	104	5	-	1	26	23	2	1
August .....	109	1	102	2	3	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	109	1	106	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
October .....	116	-	111	5	-	-	52	47	5	-
November .....	120	-	115	3	1	1	61	55	4	2
December .....	102	-	94	6	2	-	72	67	4	1
<u>1958</u>										
January .....	105	-	97	6	-	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	109	-	100	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	86	1	64	13	6	2	39	35	3	1
April .....	88	1	79	6	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	110	2	92	14	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	106	-	95	7	3	1	43	38	4	1
July .....	94	1	86	5	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	86	1	73	8	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	90	8	-	3	37	31	6	-
October .....	117	1	106	8	2	-	48	39	9	-
November .....	87	-	84	2	1	-	40	35	4	1
December .....	79	-	68	9	2	-	31	26	3	2
<u>1959 - January</u> .....	73	-	61	8	3	1	32	23	5	4
February .....	77	-	66	5	3	3	48	40	5	3
March .....	112	1	95	8	2	6	41	32	7	2
Three months 1957 ..	299	-	283	12	2	2	131	114	12	5
Three months 1958 ..	300	1	261	25	9	4	110	95	7	8
Three months 1959 ..	262	1	222	21	8	10	121	95	17	9





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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the second quarter of 1959 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 475, a decrease of close to 5 per cent from the revised total of 498 for the second quarter of 1958. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$12,807,000 for the second quarter, a decrease of over 10 per cent from the revised total of \$14,300,000 for the previous year. Average liability per failure thus decreased from \$28,700 in the second quarter of 1958 to \$27,000 for the same period of 1959.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector. The total number of bankruptcies of trading establishments was 207 unchanged from the total for the second quarter of 1958. Insolvencies of food stores rose from 36 to 54, and those of furniture, appliance and radio dealers from 24 to 35. Failures of filling stations also increased as compared with the same period of 1958. In contrast bankruptcies of other trades, clothing stores, general merchandise establishments, firms selling automotive products and those selling hardware and building materials all decreased in the second quarter comparison.

Insolvencies of construction establishments showed little change over all, the decrease in the number of failures of general contractors more than balancing the increase in the bankruptcies of special trade contractors. Failures in the manufacturing industry increased by 12.5 per cent to 72, the greatest increase being in the electrical apparatus and non-ferrous metal products group, the iron and steel and transportation equipment industries and the paper products and printing trades group. Bankruptcies in the service section, however, decreased by close to 31 per cent in the second quarter comparison. There was no change in the number of failures in the transportation industry, the agricultural industry or the finance and public utilities industries.

Total estimated liabilities of the service industry decreased by close to 66 per cent from \$2,299,000 in the second quarter of 1958 to \$783,000 in the second quarter of 1959. Liabilities in the finance, construction and manufacturing industries also showed decreases. In contrast there was a sharp increase in the liabilities in the forestry, fishing and trapping industry. Increases were noted as well in the transportation industry and the trade division from the liabilities for the second quarter of 1958.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the second quarter of 1959 the number of failures in Quebec dropped slightly to 283 as compared with 302 in the second quarter of the previous year. Estimated liabilities were also lower at \$6,546,000 with average liability per failure decreasing from \$24,700 to \$23,100. The number of failures in Ontario was 148, up slightly from the second quarter of 1958. Liabilities decreased, however, from \$4,895,000 to \$4,544,000 and average liability per failure from \$34,500 to \$30,700. Failures in the Prairie Provinces fell off slightly from 29 to 25, but liabilities increased to \$929,000 from \$740,000 placing the average liability per failure at the much greater figure of \$37,100 as compared with that of \$25,500 for the same period in the previous year. The number of bankruptcies in British Columbia was unchanged from the second quarter of 1958 but liabilities at \$713,000 were up substantially from the total of \$602,000 for the same period of 1958. Average liability per failure thus increased from \$40,100 to \$47,500.

Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that close to 59 per cent of all failures during the second quarter involved businesses in the \$5000-\$25,000 liability range. A slight increase in the percentage of the total accounted for by this group is noted in the second quarter comparison, due to a rise in the importance of this range in the construction and service sectors. Almost 19 per cent of the Quebec failures involved businesses with liabilities of less than \$5,000, compared with less than 9 per cent in Ontario.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by  
Second Quarter, 1959

	SECOND QUARTER					
	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
AGRICULTURE .....	-	1	7	8	5	4
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	-	1	3	1	-
MINING .....	-	-	2	-	-	1
MANUFACTURES -						
Foods and Beverages .....	-	-	3	2	1	2
Textiles .....	-	-	1	1	1	-
Clothing .....	-	-	11	11	-	3
Wood Products .....	-	-	9	6	4	3
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	-	-	3	1	2
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	-	12	16	6	7
Electrical Apparatus & Non-Ferrous Metals .....	-	-	-	2	-	4
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	-	10	5	1	1
Total Manufactures .....	-	-	46	46	14	22
CONSTRUCTION -						
General Contractors .....	1	1	25	10	14	9
Special Trade Contractors .....	-	1	25	45	17	15
Total Construction .....	1	2	50	55	31	24
TRANSPORTATION, ST. & C. ....	-	-	6	12	9	6
TRADE -						
Food .....	1	1	23	40	10	12
General Merchandise .....	2	-	4	3	1	-
Automotive Products .....	2	-	9	8	4	6
Filling Stations .....	-	-	3	10	3	5
Clothing .....	1	-	19	14	10	5
Shoes .....	-	-	1	4	3	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	1	-	11	5	7	14
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	1	-	12	12	9	19
Fuel .....	-	-	-	3	1	1
Drugs .....	1	-	1	1	-	1
Jewellery .....	-	-	6	6	1	3
Other Trades .....	-	-	26	15	12	6
Total Trade .....	9	1	115	121	61	72
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	-	4	5	5	2
SERVICE -						
Community Service .....	-	-	4	2	1	5
Recreational Service .....	-	-	4	-	1	3
Business Service .....	-	-	9	1	3	1
Personal Service .....	-	-	49	30	10	8
Total Service .....	-	-	66	33	15	17
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	-	5	-	1	-
TOTAL .....	10	4	302	283	142	148

Economic Areas and Industries  
with Comparative Figures for 1958

SECOND QUARTER								
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Number		Total		
1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	
						\$'000	\$'000	
1	-	-	-	13	13	309	282	
-	1	-	2	2	6	30	368	
-	2	-	-	2	3	26	126	
1	1	-	-	5	5	112	259	
-	-	-	-	2	1	127	211	
-	-	1	-	12	14	640	818	
1	2	-	-	14	11	1,084	266	
-	-	-	-	1	5	18	156	
1	-	-	-	19	23	343	298	
-	-	-	1	-	7	-	320	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	11	6	138	51	
3	3	1	1	64	72	2,461	2,380	
1	1	2	3	43	24	1,465	1,072	
4	-	1	2	47	63	1,245	1,125	
5	1	3	5	90	87	2,711	2,198	
2	-	2	1	19	19	267	367	
1	-	1	1	36	54	627	1,176	
1	-	1	-	9	3	187	111	
2	1	2	-	19	15	687	519	
1	-	-	-	7	15	34	136	
4	-	2	1	36	20	583	342	
-	1	-	-	4	5	50	81	
2	1	-	-	21	20	660	802	
1	3	1	1	24	35	864	1,216	
-	-	-	-	1	4	10	61	
-	-	-	-	2	2	36	22	
-	1	-	-	7	10	318	268	
3	3	-	-	41	24	498	445	
15	10	7	3	207	207	4,553	5,177	
1	2	-	1	10	10	1,546	1,127	
-	-	-	-	5	7	28	69	
-	-	-	-	5	3	78	79	
-	-	-	1	12	3	147	97	
1	6	2	1	62	45	2,045	537	
1	6	2	2	84	58	2,299	783	
1	-	-	-	7	-	99	-	
29	25	15	15	498	475	14,300	12,807	



Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Transportation St. & C.			T r a d e								Service	
			Total		Food		Clothing		Furniture, Appliances and Radios			
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
\$000			\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000	
<u>1957</u>												
April .....	8	109	78	2,414	15	589	10	177	10	482	21	336
May .....	6	71	69	1,742	12	296	12	259	12	532	19	505
June .....	8	67	89	2,424	17	278	13	339	11	407	19	306
July .....	2	24	71	2,329	17	310	9	226	11	266	21	731
August .....	11	116	68	1,639	9	125	8	134	11	435	17	311
September .....	11	266	72	1,999	11	211	6	202	11	361	17	486
October .....	7	114	82	1,702	15	328	10	148	6	106	22	805
November .....	7	105	72	1,756	10	153	15	392	11	296	12	247
December .....	8	73	70	2,284	16	544	14	409	9	489	28	803
<u>1958</u>												
January .....	7	89	96	2,192	14	527	18	333	7	149	28	667
February .....	10	1,348	71	1,917	15	313	9	165	12	208	19	369
March .....	11	107	87	1,908	23	492	9	140	16	414	22	433
April .....	6	44	68	1,790	10	240	11	177	8	397	29	596
May .....	4	76	77	1,643	14	296	14	200	8	299	22	513
June .....	9	148	62	1,120	12	90	11	206	8	167	33	1,189
July .....	6	43	52	1,222	13	189	11	281	3	82	16	323
August .....	7	116	45	879	9	96	5	65	5	190	14	202
September .....	5	36	68	1,499	16	215	9	299	6	272	20	242
October .....	10	592	77	1,913	14	258	11	207	5	80	29	711
November .....	11	101	76	1,418	19	208	4	33	14	410	22	388
December .....	4	22	80	2,352	12	118	15	318	18	610	23	531
<u>1959</u>												
January .....	9	120	79	2,086	14	180	19	195	11	198	19	243
February .....	2	49	80	2,487	20	365	10	183	9	309	27	407
March .....	2	16	65	1,511	10	99	18	410	4	117	25	542
April .....	8	77	76	2,015	19	348	4	85	15	724	20	192
May .....	9	263	61	1,180	12	107	8	69	10	210	9	234
June .....	2	27	70	1,982	23	721	8	188	10	282	29	357
Six months 1957 .....	63	881	493	14,193	86	1,798	75	1,749	69	3,084	127	2,126
Six months 1958 .....	47	1,812	461	10,569	88	1,958	72	1,220	59	1,635	153	3,768
Six months 1959 .....	32	553	431	11,262	98	1,820	67	1,129	59	1,841	129	1,975

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months,  
Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000
<u>1957</u> - April .....	2	168	100	2,889	46	1,794	1	3	4	70
May .....	4	235	98	2,799	47	2,397	2	128	1	15
June .....	6	442	101	2,249	51	1,846	4	341	4	47
July .....	2	10	90	2,846	53	2,053	5	333	3	226
August .....	6	229	86	3,525	55	4,919	2	35	3	935
September .....	4	312	107	2,675	46	2,032	-	-	2	19
October .....	2	71	114	2,878	72	4,497	1	13	-	-
November .....	6	267	124	3,562	58	2,021	2	52	2	15
December .....	5	208	109	3,100	51	2,132	1	48	2	96
<u>1958</u> - January .....	2	54	147	2,860	59	1,405	3	981	2	12
February .....	5	124	117	4,803	46	1,458	3	252	-	-
March .....	3	2,366	135	2,929	45	1,291	5	218	3	10
April .....	3	248	94	2,432	54	1,735	2	77	3	35
May .....	4	141	95	3,017	38	1,232	1	91	2	10
June .....	3	229	113	1,996	50	1,927	5	118	1	18
July .....	3	163	78	2,001	37	719	2	19	2	35
August .....	3	122	82	1,471	31	678	-	-	-	-
September .....	2	35	102	2,716	37	872	1	11	2	9
October .....	3	80	127	3,166	44	1,051	1	12	2	59
November .....	1	32	116	2,619	49	2,064	2	28	-	-
December .....	2	60	127	3,441	44	1,979	3	45	-	-
<u>1959</u> - January .....	6	467	110	2,519	57	2,074	1	32	2	15
February .....	4	224	115	2,503	57	2,095	4	109	1	48
March .....	2	72	113	3,048	46	2,502	2	19	3	774
April .....	2	47	111	2,067	54	1,413	1	97	3	22
May .....	1	5	82	2,046	44	984	2	47	1	10
June .....	1	22	90	2,433	50	2,147	5	121	-	-
Six months 1957 .....	29	1,411	729	18,680	295	13,695	15	626	20	469
Six months 1958 .....	20	3,162	701	18,037	292	9,049	19	1,738	11	85
Six months 1959 .....	16	838	621	14,617	308	11,215	15	425	10	869

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000
<u>1957</u> - April .....	9	254	8	302	170	5,481	16	658	56	1,415
May .....	2	47	4	273	158	5,893	21	887	39	789
June .....	5	94	3	480	174	5,498	17	763	44	770
July .....	6	136	9	389	168	5,992	17	1,028	44	1,850
August .....	6	96	6	155	164	9,894	22	555	40	2,293
September .....	-	-	4	220	163	5,258	17	494	45	838
October .....	2	57	5	117	196	7,631	34	2,946	54	1,203
November .....	2	44	3	75	197	6,036	23	897	57	1,338
December .....	3	50	1	23	172	5,658	25	1,319	39	1,037
<u>1958</u> - January .....	8	342	6	204	227	5,857	21	680	66	1,731
February .....	6	131	6	286	183	7,053	21	1,026	48	3,711
March .....	8	130	7	135	206	7,079	18	455	54	1,722
April .....	6	194	3	193	165	4,915	18	958	48	1,604
May .....	5	48	7	134	152	4,674	16	819	39	1,122
June .....	4	148	5	275	181	4,710	16	1,276	53	815
July .....	2	220	8	213	132	3,371	11	168	36	965
August .....	1	78	5	22	122	2,372	11	353	37	755
September .....	8	637	6	108	158	4,389	17	386	34	1,397
October .....	1	6	8	644	186	5,019	15	264	51	1,365
November .....	3	22	7	82	178	4,845	20	810	68	1,564
December .....	2	61	5	288	183	5,874	15	802	58	1,123
<u>1959</u> - January .....	4	45	4	137	184	5,289	19	596	63	1,780
February .....	8	141	7	361	196	5,481	27	1,083	59	1,567
March .....	1	4	7	372	174	6,791	16	1,793	53	1,502
April .....	7	461	6	317	184	4,424	19	671	54	1,128
May .....	2	106	7	256	139	3,454	10	265	39	944
June .....	4	65	2	141	152	4,929	16	570	52	1,642
Six months 1957 .....	36	2,433	29	2,077	1,153	39,392	116	5,873	324	7,302
Six months 1958 .....	37	993	34	1,227	1,114	34,290	110	5,214	308	10,705
Six months 1959 .....	26	821	33	1,583	1,029	30,368	107	4,978	320	8,563



Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1 9 5 7				1 9 5 8					1 9 5 9	
	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	13	9	20	60	18	9	15	15	57	14	10
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	41	38	47	174	52	32	41	43	168	65	36
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	15	10	14	61	11	11	10	13	45	17	13
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	7	11	14	39	14	5	5	6	30	6	7
Over \$100,000 .....	8	7	6	32	17	7	7	10	41	7	6
Total .....	84	75	101	366	112	64	78	87	341	109	72
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	8	11	10	46	9	11	11	15	46	16	11
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	25	48	41	167	54	50	40	43	187	68	55
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	18	16	18	76	16	15	11	15	57	12	9
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	13	6	11	50	7	8	9	9	33	5	9
Over \$100,000 .....	9	3	9	33	7	6	2	9	24	8	3
Total .....	73	84	89	372	93	90	73	91	347	109	87
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	37	31	36	155	31	29	24	35	119	32	23
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	112	116	124	491	164	129	97	138	528	127	130
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	50	37	36	148	35	31	28	30	124	36	32
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	29	14	18	88	15	10	12	18	55	18	11
Over \$100,000 .....	8	14	10	47	9	8	4	12	33	11	11
Total .....	236	212	224	929	254	207	165	233	859	224	207
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	20	17	12	68	12	22	14	20	68	18	16
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	25	26	35	124	42	46	29	40	157	45	34
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	11	7	6	30	8	8	3	5	24	3	5
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	2	2	3	12	4	5	3	5	17	4	2
Over \$100,000 .....	1	3	6	10	3	3	1	4	11	1	1
Total .....	59	55	62	244	69	84	50	74	277	71	58
<u>Total Canada</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	94	84	94	404	88	82	70	99	339	86	67
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	220	258	296	1,096	371	286	238	301	1,196	326	280
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	101	79	85	355	79	72	57	69	277	72	65
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	53	39	52	208	41	30	31	41	143	38	38
Over \$100,000 .....	34	35	38	150	37	28	16	37	118	32	25
Total .....	502	495	565	2,213	616	498	412	547	2,073	554	475
<u>Quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	72	63	71	319	73	62	55	80	270	69	53
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	143	153	186	695	240	168	147	198	753	206	164
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	44	33	42	170	44	40	32	45	161	37	35
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	26	17	31	108	20	18	16	29	83	12	18
Over \$100,000 .....	14	17	17	67	22	14	12	18	66	14	13
Total .....	299	283	347	1,359	399	302	262	370	1,333	338	283
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	15	18	19	67	12	15	7	16	50	14	13
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	64	77	90	301	90	89	72	78	329	93	89
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	33	34	35	130	23	24	16	18	81	24	25
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	20	15	18	77	16	6	9	10	41	16	12
Over \$100,000 .....	12	10	19	55	9	8	1	15	33	13	9
Total .....	144	154	181	630	150	142	105	137	534	160	148

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
<u>1957</u> - April .....	32.2	84.1	28.9	39.0	23.3	37.8	30.2	29.9	30.9	16.0
May .....	37.3	58.8	28.6	51.0	37.8	68.2	40.2	81.2	25.2	26.6
June .....	31.6	73.7	22.3	36.2	37.1	159.8	31.7	48.7	27.2	16.1
July .....	35.7	5.0	31.6	38.7	49.6	43.2	43.5	26.8	32.8	34.8
August .....	60.3	38.2	41.0	89.4	96.9	25.8	67.6	130.4	24.1	18.3
September .....	32.3	78.0	25.0	44.2	9.6	55.0	53.6	17.2	27.8	28.6
October .....	38.9	35.3	25.2	62.5	23.4	23.3	22.3	73.5	20.8	36.6
November .....	30.6	44.6	28.7	34.8	18.4	25.0	35.3	30.7	24.4	20.6
December .....	32.9	41.6	28.4	41.8	32.4	23.4	46.5	34.8	32.6	28.7
<u>1958</u> - January .....	25.8	26.8	19.5	23.8	102.7	34.1	40.2	27.3	22.8	23.8
February .....	38.5	24.8	41.0	31.7	42.5	47.7	69.8	30.4	27.0	19.4
March .....	34.4	788.8	21.7	28.7	22.4	19.2	35.7	112.1	21.9	19.7
April .....	29.8	82.7	25.9	32.1	27.9	64.4	59.0	27.2	26.3	20.6
May .....	30.8	35.4	31.8	32.4	18.7	19.2	47.9	23.7	21.3	23.3
June .....	26.0	76.2	17.7	38.5	28.4	54.9	20.1	35.7	18.1	36.1
July .....	25.5	54.3	25.7	19.4	45.8	26.6	27.6	25.8	23.5	20.2
August .....	19.4	40.8	17.9	21.9	78.4	4.4	17.5	26.8	19.5	14.4
September .....	27.8	17.7	26.6	23.6	59.7	18.0	52.6	23.5	22.1	12.1
October .....	27.0	26.7	24.9	23.9	19.2	80.5	17.1	42.5	24.8	24.5
November .....	27.2	32.0	22.6	42.1	9.8	11.7	75.2	29.4	18.7	17.6
December .....	32.1	30.1	27.1	45.0	21.2	57.5	35.1	46.0	29.4	23.1
<u>1959</u> - January .....	28.7	77.8	22.9	36.4	13.0	34.3	45.5	22.1	26.4	12.8
February .....	28.0	56.1	21.8	36.8	22.9	51.6	30.4	22.5	31.1	15.1
March .....	39.0	36.1	27.0	54.4	132.9	53.1	43.5	47.6	23.3	21.7
April .....	24.0	23.7	18.6	26.2	52.7	52.8	31.5	19.2	26.5	9.6
May .....	24.8	5.0	25.0	22.4	32.5	36.5	18.3	38.8	19.3	26.0
June .....	32.4	22.1	27.0	42.9	20.7	70.4	49.2	19.0	28.3	12.3
Six months 1957 .....	34.2	48.6	25.6	46.4	49.7	71.6	37.9	50.6	28.8	16.7
Six months 1958 .....	30.8	158.1	25.7	31.0	42.0	36.1	43.8	41.7	22.9	24.6
Six months 1959 .....	29.5	52.4	23.5	36.4	41.5	48.0	36.7	28.1	26.1	15.3

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
<u>1957</u> - April .....	110	-	103	4	2	1	43	40	2	1
May .....	91	-	86	5	-	-	36	32	4	-
June .....	79	-	72	4	1	2	32	27	3	2
July .....	110	-	104	5	-	1	26	23	2	1
August .....	109	1	102	2	3	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	109	1	106	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
October .....	116	-	111	5	-	-	52	47	5	-
November .....	120	-	115	3	1	1	61	55	4	2
December .....	102	-	94	6	2	-	72	67	4	1
<u>1958</u> - January .....	105	-	97	6	-	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	109	-	100	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	86	1	64	13	6	2	39	35	3	1
April .....	88	1	79	6	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	110	2	92	14	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	106	-	95	7	3	1	43	38	4	1
July .....	94	1	86	5	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	86	1	73	8	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	90	8	-	3	37	31	6	-
October .....	117	1	106	8	2	-	48	39	9	-
November .....	87	-	84	2	1	-	40	35	4	1
December .....	79	-	68	9	2	-	31	26	3	2
<u>1959</u> - January .....	73	-	61	8	3	1	32	23	5	4
February .....	77	-	66	5	3	3	48	40	5	3
March .....	112	1	95	8	2	6	41	32	7	2
April .....	79	1	68	7	3	-	35	32	3	-
May .....	72	1	55	15	1	-	33	27	4	2
June .....	90	-	79	9	1	1	31	26	4	1
Six months 1957 .....	579	-	544	25	5	5	242	213	21	8
Six months 1958 .....	604	4	527	52	16	5	250	218	18	14
Six months 1959 .....	503	3	424	52	13	11	220	180	28	12



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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the third quarter of 1959 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 526, an increase of close to 28 per cent over the revised total of 412 for the third quarter of 1958. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$20,065,000 for the third quarter, almost twice the revised total of \$10,132,000 for the previous year. Average liability per failure thus increased from \$24,600 to \$38,100. The number of failures of establishments with liabilities of over \$50,000 increased sharply from 47 to 83 in the third quarter comparison.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector. The total number of bankruptcies of trading establishments was 212 an increase of 28.5 per cent from the total for the third quarter of 1958. Insolvencies of hardware and building materials dealers rose from 14 to 26, those of other trades from 24 to 35, and those of firms selling automotive products from 23 to 32. Failures of all other types of trading establishments, except drug and general merchandise stores, also increased slightly as compared with the same period of 1958.

Insolvencies of construction establishments increased 37 per cent over the third quarter of 1958 and numbered 100. Failures in the manufacturing industry increased by a lower percentage from 78 to 91, the greatest increases being in the electrical apparatus and non-ferrous metal products group, the foods and beverages industry and the clothing industry. Bankruptcies in the service section with a 64 per cent increase to 82 showed the sharpest rise over the third quarter of 1958. The number of failures increased in the agricultural industry but remained unchanged in both the transportation industry and the finance and public utilities industry.

Total estimated liabilities of the service industry increased by 380 per cent from \$767,000 in the third quarter of 1958 to \$3,682,000 in the third quarter of 1959. Liabilities in the construction, trade and manufacturing industries also showed increases. Decreases were noted only in the mining and agricultural industries.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the third quarter of 1959 the number of failures in Quebec rose slightly to 309 as compared with 262 in the third quarter of the previous year. Estimated liabilities increased from \$6,189,000 to \$11,521,000 in this comparison, with average liability per failure rising to \$37,300 from \$23,600. The number of failures in Ontario was 174, up close to 66 per cent from the third quarter of 1958. Liabilities also increased sharply to \$7,566,000 from \$2,269,000 and average liability per failure to \$43,500 from \$21,600. Failures in the Prairie Provinces remained almost unchanged, but liabilities fell from \$1,010,000 to \$260,000 placing the average liability per failure at the much smaller figure of \$15,300 as compared with that of \$56,100 for the same period in the previous year. The number of bankruptcies in British Columbia decreased to 16 from 19 in the third quarter of 1958 but liabilities increased from \$343,000 to \$513,000. Average liability per failure thus increased to \$32,100 from \$18,100. In the Atlantic Provinces the number of failures rose to 10 from 8 but the total liabilities dropped from \$321,000 to \$205,000.

Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that 70 per cent of all failures during the third quarter involved relatively small businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000. A slight decrease in the percentage of the total accounted for by businesses in the under \$5,000 liability group, due to a fall in the importance of this range in the service, manufacturing and construction sectors is noted in the third quarter comparison. The percentage of liabilities accounted for by enterprises with liabilities of over \$100,000 increased slightly mainly due to the increasing importance of this group in the construction industry. Over 14 per cent of the Quebec failures involved businesses with liabilities of less than \$5,000, compared with almost 10 per cent in Ontario. There were 37 failures with liabilities of over \$100,000 in the third quarter, about the same number occurring in Quebec and Ontario.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by

Third Quarter, 1959

	THIRD QUARTER					
	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
AGRICULTURE .....	-	-	3	9	2	3
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
MINING .....	-	-	1	1	-	-
MANUFACTURES -						
Foods and Beverages .....	1	1	2	6	-	2
Textiles .....	-	-	1	3	-	-
Clothing .....	-	1	7	7	-	4
Wood Products .....	-	-	13	8	1	5
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	-	7	8	1	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	-	19	17	3	11
Electrical Apparatus & Non-Ferrous Metals .....	-	2	3	6	1	5
Chemical Products .....	-	-	1	-	1	1
Other Industries .....	-	-	7	1	1	1
Total Manufactures .....	1	4	60	56	8	29
CONSTRUCTION -						
General Contractors .....	-	-	20	22	7	20
Special Trade Contractors .....	1	2	26	22	12	25
Total Construction .....	1	2	46	44	19	45
TRANSPORTATION, ST. & C. ....	-	-	14	8	4	8
TRADE -						
Food .....	-	-	21	27	14	12
General Merchandise .....	1	2	7	4	1	1
Automotive Products .....	-	-	12	19	10	10
Filling Stations .....	-	-	6	6	1	6
Clothing .....	1	-	15	16	6	7
Shoes .....	-	-	-	1	1	3
Hardware & Building Materials .....	1	-	7	17	4	9
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	1	-	7	13	6	5
Fuel .....	-	-	1	3	-	-
Drugs .....	-	-	-	-	1	-
Jewellery .....	-	1	2	4	1	1
Other Trades .....	1	1	11	20	10	11
Total Trade .....	5	4	89	130	55	65
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	-	4	3	2	2
SERVICE -						
Community Service .....	-	-	-	3	-	-
Recreational Service .....	-	-	2	2	2	1
Business Service .....	1	-	2	8	4	3
Personal Service .....	-	-	28	45	8	18
Total Service .....	1	-	32	58	14	22
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	-	12	-	1	-
TOTAL .....	8	10	262	309	105	174

Economic Areas and Industries  
with Comparative Figures for 1958

THIRD QUARTER							
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total			
				Number		Liabilities	
1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958 \$'000	1959 \$'000
-	2	1	1	6	15	160	151
-	-	-	1	1	1	5	17
-	-	1	-	2	1	37	20
-	-	-	-	3	9	170	153
-	-	-	-	1	3	2	248
-	-	-	-	7	12	523	367
-	-	2	1	16	14	560	672
-	-	-	-	8	8	130	301
-	-	3	1	25	29	306	937
1	-	1	-	6	13	231	505
-	-	-	-	2	1	38	5
1	-	1	-	10	2	640	15
2	-	7	2	78	91	2,599	3,202
2	1	1	2	30	45	968	3,776
3	3	1	3	43	55	878	2,017
5	4	2	5	73	100	1,846	5,793
-	1	-	1	18	18	194	235
1	-	2	-	38	39	501	1,300
2	-	-	2	11	9	217	185
1	2	-	1	23	32	781	1,450
2	-	-	-	9	12	92	266
1	2	2	2	25	27	645	407
-	-	-	-	1	4	23	110
2	-	-	-	14	26	366	1,197
-	-	-	-	14	18	543	1,067
-	-	-	-	1	3	18	209
-	1	-	-	1	1	16	17
-	-	1	-	4	6	66	133
-	3	2	-	24	35	332	489
9	8	7	5	165	212	3,601	6,830
-	-	-	1	6	6	95	136
-	-	-	-	-	3	-	28
-	-	-	-	4	3	153	447
1	1	-	-	8	12	135	2,193
1	1	1	-	38	64	479	1,013
2	2	1	-	50	82	767	3,682
-	-	-	-	13	-	828	-
18	17	19	16	412	526	10,132	20,065



Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures		Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Construction	
	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000	Number	Liab. \$000
<b>1957</b>										
July .....	168	5,992	2	208	25	1,088	8	179	32	859
August .....	164	9,894	1	59	23	1,556	6	1,966	33	4,302
September .....	163	5,258	6	170	27	1,446	7	1,666	19	3,326
October .....	196	7,631	3	28	36	802	14	191	30	2,205
November .....	197	6,036	7	142	39	1,377	16	716	34	1,043
December .....	172	5,658	3	75	26	1,208	8	288	25	871
<b>1958</b>										
January .....	227	5,857	3	57	42	1,688	11	231	35	957
February .....	183	7,053	2	33	31	2,162	9	290	31	941
March .....	206	7,079	6	54	39	1,393	13	284	27	3,027
April .....	165	4,915	7	189	18	1,062	2	404	95	28
May .....	152	4,674	3	61	17	815	7	161	22	521
June .....	181	4,710	3	58	29	584	5	196	7	86
July .....	132	3,371	4	115	25	690	7	148	24	620
August .....	122	2,372	1	40	25	436	4	74	23	616
September .....	158	4,389	1	5	28	1,473	9	83	26	610
October .....	186	5,019	9	156	34	580	19	291	20	849
November .....	178	4,845	2	26	24	1,806	3	736	36	1,057
December .....	183	5,874	4	30	29	1,018	5	556	35	1,611
<b>1959</b>										
January .....	184	5,289	7	118	30	1,365	33	821	37	817
February .....	196	5,481	3	14	42	1,278	11	762	37	834
March .....	174	6,791	4	95	37	1,610	2	326	35	1,666
April .....	184	4,421	4	25	29	913	5	123	35	751
May .....	139	3,445	6	55	21	385	32	116	27	1,049
June .....	153	5,055	3	195	23	1,113	3	111	21	425
July .....	160	4,532	4	49	33	1,042	9	128	27	676
August .....	158	6,476	4	41	25	1,083	2	224	27	1,053
September .....	208	9,057	7	61	33	1,077	10	420	48	4,063
<b>Nine months 1957</b> .....	1,648	60,536	38	1,053	265	11,287	76	3,627	283	15,553
<b>Nine months 1958</b> .....	1,526	44,421	30	613	254	10,304	77	1,452	256	9,482
<b>Nine months 1959</b> .....	1,556	50,548	42	653	273	9,867	92	3,179	296	11,334



Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000	
1957 - July .....	2	10	90	2,846	53	2,053	5	333	3	226
August .....	6	229	86	3,525	55	4,919	2	35	3	935
September .....	4	312	107	2,675	46	2,032	-	-	-	-
October .....	2	71	114	2,878	72	4,497	1	13	-	-
November .....	6	267	124	3,562	58	2,021	2	52	2	15
December .....	5	208	109	3,100	51	2,132	1	48	2	96
1958 - January .....	2	54	147	2,860	59	1,405	3	981	2	12
February .....	5	124	117	4,803	46	1,458	3	252	-	-
March .....	3	2,366	135	2,929	45	1,291	5	218	3	10
April .....	3	248	94	2,432	54	1,735	2	77	3	35
May .....	4	141	95	3,017	38	1,232	1	91	2	10
June .....	3	229	113	1,996	50	1,927	5	118	1	18
July .....	3	163	78	2,001	37	719	2	19	2	35
August .....	3	122	82	1,471	31	678	-	-	-	-
September .....	2	35	102	2,716	37	872	1	11	2	9
October .....	3	80	127	3,166	44	1,051	1	12	2	59
November .....	1	32	116	2,619	49	2,064	2	28	-	-
December .....	2	60	127	3,441	44	1,979	3	45	-	-
1959 - January .....	6	467	110	2,519	57	2,074	1	32	2	15
February .....	4	224	115	2,503	57	2,095	4	109	1	48
March .....	2	72	113	3,048	46	2,502	2	19	3	774
April .....	2	47	111	2,064	54	1,413	1	97	3	22
May .....	1	5	82	2,037	44	984	2	47	1	10
June .....	1	22	90	2,434	51	2,210	5	183	-	-
July .....	3	59	90	2,733	61	1,626	-	-	1	7
August .....	4	45	101	4,578	39	1,521	2	21	1	10
September .....	3	101	118	4,210	74	4,419	2	67	3	29
Nine months 1957 .....	41	1,962	1,012	27,726	449	22,699	22	994	28	1,649
Nine months 1958 .....	28	3,483	963	24,225	397	11,318	22	1,768	15	129
Nine months 1959 .....	26	1,043	930	26,128	483	18,844	19	574	15	914

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000		\$000	
1957 - July .....	6	136	9	389	168	5,992	17	803	44	1,850
August .....	6	96	6	155	164	9,894	22	555	40	2,293
September .....	2	-	4	220	163	5,258	17	494	45	838
October .....	2	57	5	117	196	7,631	34	2,946	54	1,203
November .....	2	44	3	75	197	6,036	23	897	57	1,338
December .....	3	50	1	23	172	5,658	25	1,319	39	1,037
1958 - January .....	8	342	6	204	227	5,857	21	680	66	1,731
February .....	6	131	6	286	183	7,053	21	1,026	48	3,711
March .....	8	130	7	135	206	7,079	18	455	54	1,722
April .....	6	194	3	193	165	4,915	18	958	48	1,604
May .....	5	48	7	134	152	4,674	16	819	39	1,122
June .....	4	148	5	275	181	4,710	16	1,276	53	815
July .....	2	220	8	213	132	3,371	11	168	36	965
August .....	1	78	5	22	122	2,372	11	353	37	755
September .....	8	637	6	108	158	4,389	17	386	34	1,397
October .....	1	6	8	644	186	5,019	15	264	51	1,365
November .....	3	22	7	82	178	4,845	20	810	68	1,564
December .....	2	61	5	288	183	5,874	15	802	58	1,123
1959 - January .....	4	45	4	137	184	5,289	19	596	63	1,780
February .....	8	141	7	361	196	5,481	27	1,083	59	1,567
March .....	1	4	7	372	174	6,791	16	1,793	53	1,502
April .....	7	461	6	317	184	4,421	19	671	54	1,128
May .....	2	106	7	256	139	3,445	10	265	39	944
June .....	4	65	2	141	153	5,055	16	570	52	1,642
July .....	1	8	4	100	160	4,532	23	829	39	1,106
August .....	4	43	7	259	158	6,476	16	574	47	3,010
September .....	3	76	5	154	208	9,057	28	2,135	53	2,356
Nine months 1957 .....	48	2,665	48	2,841	1,648	60,536	172	7,704	459	12,585
Nine months 1958 .....	48	1,929	53	1,570	1,526	44,421	149	6,121	415	13,821
Nine months 1959 .....	34	947	49	2,096	1,556	50,548	174	8,515	459	15,035

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1957			1958					1959		
	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	9	20	60	18	9	15	15	57	14	12	7
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	38	47	174	52	32	41	43	168	65	34	54
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	10	14	61	11	11	10	13	45	17	14	14
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	11	14	39	14	5	5	6	30	6	7	9
Over \$100,000 .....	7	6	32	17	7	7	10	41	7	6	7
Total .....	75	101	366	112	64	78	87	341	109	73	91
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	11	10	46	9	11	11	15	46	16	11	7
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	48	41	167	54	50	40	43	187	68	55	51
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	16	18	76	16	15	11	15	57	12	9	19
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	6	11	50	7	8	9	9	33	5	9	9
Over \$100,000 .....	3	9	33	7	6	2	9	24	8	3	14
Total .....	84	89	372	93	90	73	91	347	109	87	100
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	31	36	155	31	29	24	35	119	32	22	30
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	116	124	491	164	129	97	138	528	127	130	116
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	37	36	148	35	31	28	30	124	36	31	35
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	14	18	88	15	10	12	18	55	18	13	18
Over \$100,000 .....	14	10	47	9	8	4	12	33	11	11	13
Total .....	212	224	929	254	207	165	233	859	224	207	212
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	17	12	68	12	22	14	20	68	18	16	13
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	26	35	124	42	46	29	40	157	45	34	53
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	7	6	30	8	8	3	5	24	3	5	5
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	2	3	12	4	5	3	5	17	4	2	8
Over \$100,000 .....	3	6	10	3	3	1	4	11	1	1	3
Total .....	55	62	244	69	84	50	74	277	71	58	82
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	84	94	404	88	82	70	99	339	86	69	65
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	258	296	1,096	371	286	238	301	1,196	326	277	303
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	79	85	355	79	72	57	69	277	72	65	75
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	39	52	208	41	30	31	41	143	38	40	46
Over \$100,000 .....	35	38	150	37	28	16	37	118	32	25	37
Total .....	495	565	2,213	616	498	412	547	2,073	554	476	526
<u>Quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	63	71	319	73	62	55	80	270	69	53	44
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	153	186	695	240	168	147	198	753	206	164	178
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	33	42	170	44	40	32	45	161	37	34	44
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	17	31	108	20	18	16	29	83	12	19	24
Over \$100,000 .....	17	17	67	22	14	12	18	66	14	13	19
Total .....	283	347	1,359	399	502	262	370	1,333	338	283	309
<u>Manitoba</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	18	19	67	12	15	7	16	50	14	14	17
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	77	90	301	90	89	72	78	329	93	88	97
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	34	35	130	23	24	16	18	81	24	26	25
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	15	18	77	16	6	9	10	41	16	12	18
Over \$100,000 .....	10	19	55	9	8	1	15	33	13	9	17
Total .....	154	181	630	150	142	105	137	534	160	149	174

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1957 - July .....	35.7	5.0	31.6	38.7	49.6	43.2	43.5	26.8	32.8	34.8
August .....	60.3	38.2	41.0	89.4	96.9	25.8	67.6	130.4	24.1	18.3
September .....	32.3	78.0	25.0	44.2	9.6	55.0	53.6	17.2	27.8	28.6
October .....	38.9	35.3	25.2	62.5	23.4	23.3	22.3	73.5	20.8	36.6
November .....	30.6	44.6	28.7	34.8	18.4	25.0	35.3	30.7	24.4	20.6
December .....	32.9	41.6	28.4	41.8	32.4	23.4	46.5	34.8	32.6	28.7
1958 - January .....	25.8	26.8	19.5	23.8	102.7	34.1	40.2	27.3	22.8	23.8
February .....	38.5	24.8	41.0	31.7	42.5	47.7	69.8	30.4	27.0	19.4
March .....	34.4	788.8	21.7	28.7	22.4	19.2	35.7	112.1	21.9	19.7
April .....	29.8	82.7	25.9	32.1	27.9	64.4	59.0	27.2	26.3	20.6
May .....	30.8	35.4	31.8	32.4	18.7	19.2	47.9	23.7	21.3	23.3
June .....	26.0	76.2	17.7	38.5	28.4	54.9	20.1	35.7	18.1	36.1
July .....	25.5	54.3	25.7	19.4	45.8	26.6	27.6	25.8	23.5	20.2
August .....	19.4	40.8	17.9	21.9	78.4	4.4	17.5	26.8	19.5	14.4
September .....	27.8	17.7	26.6	23.6	59.7	18.0	52.6	23.5	22.1	12.1
October .....	27.0	26.7	24.9	23.9	19.2	80.5	17.1	42.5	24.8	24.5
November .....	27.2	32.0	22.6	42.1	9.8	11.7	75.2	29.4	18.7	17.6
December .....	32.1	30.1	27.1	45.0	21.2	57.5	35.1	46.0	29.4	23.1
1959 - January .....	28.7	77.8	22.9	36.4	13.0	34.3	45.5	22.1	26.4	12.8
February .....	28.0	56.1	21.8	36.8	22.9	51.6	30.4	22.5	31.1	15.1
March .....	39.0	36.1	27.0	54.4	132.9	53.1	43.5	47.6	23.3	21.7
April .....	24.0	23.7	18.6	26.2	52.7	52.8	31.5	19.2	26.5	9.6
May .....	24.8	5.0	24.8	22.4	32.5	36.5	18.3	38.8	19.3	26.0
June .....	33.0	22.1	27.0	43.3	27.6	70.4	48.4	20.2	29.3	12.4
July .....	28.3	19.8	30.4	26.6	7.4	24.9	31.6	25.0	32.0	22.8
August .....	41.0	11.3	45.3	39.0	10.5	37.0	43.3	42.1	27.1	87.3
September .....	43.5	33.6	35.7	59.7	21.5	30.9	32.6	84.6	37.1	24.8
Nine months 1957 .....	36.7	47.8	27.4	50.6	54.2	59.2	42.6	55.0	28.6	20.1
Nine months 1958 .....	29.1	124.4	25.2	28.5	45.0	29.6	40.6	37.0	22.6	22.3
Nine months 1959 .....	32.5	40.1	28.1	39.0	35.8	42.8	36.1	38.3	28.2	26.8

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1957 - July .....	110	-	104	5	-	1	26	23	2	1
August .....	109	1	102	2	3	1	38	32	2	4
September .....	109	1	106	2	-	-	43	42	-	1
October .....	116	-	111	5	-	-	52	47	5	-
November .....	120	-	115	3	1	1	61	55	4	2
December .....	102	-	94	6	2	-	72	67	4	1
1958 - January .....	105	-	97	6	-	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	109	-	100	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	86	1	64	13	6	2	39	35	3	1
April .....	88	1	79	6	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	110	2	92	14	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	106	-	95	7	3	1	43	38	4	1
July .....	94	1	86	5	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	86	1	73	8	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	90	8	-	3	37	31	6	-
October .....	117	1	106	8	2	-	48	39	9	-
November .....	87	-	84	2	1	-	40	35	4	1
December .....	79	-	68	9	2	-	31	26	3	2
1959 - January .....	73	-	61	8	3	1	32	23	5	4
February .....	77	-	66	5	3	3	48	40	5	3
March .....	112	1	95	8	2	6	41	32	7	2
April .....	79	1	68	7	3	-	35	32	3	-
May .....	72	1	55	15	1	-	33	27	4	2
June .....	90	-	79	9	1	1	31	26	4	1
July .....	69	2	55	11	1	-	36	29	6	1
August .....	69	1	62	4	1	1	37	32	4	1
September .....	78	1	64	11	1	1	47	42	4	1
Nine months 1957 ..	907	2	856	34	8	7	349	310	25	14
Nine months 1958 ..	885	6	776	73	21	9	339	295	28	16
Nine months 1959 ..	719	7	605	78	16	13	340	283	42	15





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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During 1959, the total number of business insolvencies recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 2,197 as compared with 2,125 in 1958, an increase of less than 1 per cent. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$76,800,188, 5.5 per cent above the (revised) total for the previous year. Average liability per failure of \$35,000 increased from \$29,000 in 1958.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the trade sector accounted for the largest share of Bankruptcies. Failures of trading establishments increased by 14.2 per cent from 882 to 907. Insolvencies in all but food and general merchandise showed a slight increase in the inter-year comparison. Insolvencies of manufacturing businesses increased from 356 to 370 due largely, to an increase in failures producing electrical apparatus, clothing and wood products. Insolvencies of construction establishments rose from 367 to 439 and failures in transportation business declined sharply from 105 to 72. Bankruptcies in "service" undertakings showed a slight increase. Estimated liabilities rose by 52.6 per cent in the finance and public utilities sector and by 14.2 per cent in trade and 9.5 per cent in construction. Manufacturing liabilities advanced slightly but liabilities decreased in the transportation and services fields. Of the main groups manufacturing showed the highest average liability of \$49,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

As in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in Quebec, where 1,352 businesses were declared bankrupt as compared with 1,376 during the previous year. Total estimated liabilities in Quebec declined from \$40,250,000 in 1958 to \$39,363,000 with average liability per failure declining slightly from \$29,-250 to \$29,115.

Bankruptcies in Ontario increased from 545 to 648 and total liabilities from \$17,884,000 to \$29,831,000. Average estimated liability per failure rose from \$32,800 to \$46,000. Number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces declined from 97 to 92 and total liabilities decreased from \$2,872,000 to \$2,860,000. In British Columbia the number of failures was 71, no change from 1958 total but liabilities dropped from \$5,479,000 to \$3,-326,000. The Atlantic Provinces had 34 failures as against 36 in the previous year and liabilities declined sharply from \$4,493,000 to \$1,420,000.

Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 liability range. In 1959 there were 1,295 defaulting firms in this category 59 per cent of all failures, as compared with 1,099 or 52 per cent of the total in 1958. On the other hand, the number of insolvencies of larger firms with over \$50,000 liabilities fell slightly from 317 to 302. The number of larger trade and construction establishments going bankrupt increased sharply in 1959.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy Act and the Winding Up Act) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by  
Fourth Quarter, and Year

	FOURTH QUARTER				
	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
AGRICULTURE .....	1	8	5	1	1
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	1	-	-	-
MINING .....	-	-	1	-	-
MANUFACTURES -					
Foods and Beverages .....	-	6	2	-	-
Textiles .....	-	1	-	-	-
Clothing .....	-	14	1	-	-
Wood Products .....	1	10	2	1	-
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	4	2	-	-
Iron & Steel & Trans- portation Equipment .....	-	24	11	-	3
Electrical Apparatus & Non-ferrous Metals .....	-	4	2	-	-
Chemical Products .....	-	1	1	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	5	2	-	-
Total Manufactures .....	1	69	23	1	3
CONSTRUCTION -					
General Contractors .....	1	36	15	2	4
Special Trade Contractors .....	-	56	19	4	6
Total Construction .....	1	92	34	6	10
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C. ....	-	13	8	-	-
TRADE -					
Food .....	-	34	8	1	-
General Merchandise .....	-	5	5	1	-
Automotive Products .....	-	13	6	2	1
Filling Stations .....	-	19	9	1	-
Clothing .....	1	22	12	4	-
Shoes .....	-	2	-	-	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	-	13	10	1	1
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	1	24	11	1	-
Fuel .....	-	2	1	-	-
Drugs .....	1	3	-	-	-
Jewellery .....	-	4	2	-	-
Other Trades .....	-	29	8	1	2
Total Trade .....	3	170	72	12	4
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	3	2	-	-
SERVICE -					
Community Service .....	-	4	3	-	-
Recreational Service .....	-	3	2	-	-
Business Service .....	-	8	3	-	1
Personal Service .....	-	50	10	2	3
Total Service .....	-	65	18	2	4
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	6	421	163	22	22

Economic Areas and Industries

1959 with Comparisons

Total Fourth Quarter				THE YEAR			
Number		Liabilities		Number		Total Liabilities	
1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000
15	16	229	892	49	58	1,246	1,546
4	1	240	5	9	12	323	494
-	1	-	30	9	8	440	384
7	8	158	136	24	27	1,044	619
1	1	78	59	5	5	368	518
11	15	182	1,290	46	53	2,255	3,131
16	14	809	659	68	56	5,027	1,823
2	6	20	1,615	21	30	546	2,289
43	38	1,614	1,898	125	130	3,267	5,077
10	6	824	2,509	24	37	1,977	4,011
-	2	-	123	1	3	36	128
4	7	59	284	42	29	2,301	847
94	97	3,745	8,573	356	370	16,822	18,442
47	58	2,963	2,827	174	172	11,475	9,783
52	85	1,332	3,741	193	267	4,933	8,183
99	143	4,295	6,568	367	439	16,408	17,966
30	21	888	347	105	72	3,407	1,139
45	43	696	677	182	180	3,457	3,796
7	11	302	163	43	29	1,128	749
19	22	1,293	1,370	79	84	3,622	5,216
17	29	200	231	54	63	711	774
29	39	575	861	128	133	2,418	2,412
2	2	74	72	9	15	162	334
30	25	1,175	414	77	90	2,586	3,354
36	37	1,291	2,385	114	114	3,829	5,297
2	3	39	47	10	13	431	408
3	4	19	329	9	10	124	403
6	6	102	111	29	29	767	656
37	40	629	625	148	147	3,489	2,549
233	261	6,395	7,286	882	907	22,724	25,948
10	5	194	133	42	30	2,232	3,406
4	7	38	124	14	20	311	292
3	5	467	352	15	14	957	945
10	12	124	194	33	35	484	2,547
63	65	1,700	1,138	233	232	6,622	3,691
80	89	2,328	1,808	295	301	8,373	7,475
4	-	286	-	11	-	802	-
569	634	18,600	25,641	2,125	2,197	72,778	76,800

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures				Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Construction	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products		Number		Number	Liab.
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1958												
January .....	229	6,718	6	119	45	1,820	6	77	13	261	39	1,263
February .....	183	8,158	2	48	33	2,353	4	288	10	300	35	1,105
March .....	207	11,099	5	63	39	3,235	9	2,014	14	309	28	3,921
April .....	166	5,189	6	168	18	1,066	3	433	5	113	27	734
May .....	163	5,334	5	119	19	805	8	486	7	156	24	787
June .....	187	5,503	3	192	29	688	5	291	7	92	43	1,728
July .....	136	4,565	4	244	24	816	7	99	7	118	24	1,339
August .....	121	2,692	1	39	26	527	4	186	8	118	23	555
September .....	164	4,919	2	25	29	1,769	6	344	11	186	25	682
October .....	195	5,698	9	161	33	573	6	177	19	260	23	864
November .....	188	5,978	3	35	30	1,814	3	365	11	760	40	1,659
December .....	186	6,924	3	33	31	1,357	7	267	13	594	36	1,772
1959												
January .....	184	5,289	7	118	30	1,365	4	33	9	821	37	817
February .....	196	5,481	3	14	42	1,278	11	175	16	762	37	834
March .....	174	6,791	4	95	37	1,610	2	16	14	326	35	1,666
April .....	184	4,485	4	25	29	913	5	123	7	89	39	815
May .....	139	3,445	6	55	21	385	3	32	8	116	27	1,049
June .....	154	5,096	3	195	23	1,113	3	111	9	128	21	425
July .....	160	4,985	4	49	33	1,045	2	224	12	137	27	676
August .....	158	6,480	4	41	25	1,083	2	28	9	518	25	1,053
September .....	214	9,106	7	61	33	1,077	10	421	8	282	48	4,063
October .....	207	8,629	5	106	28	2,687	5	96	11	679	47	1,059
November .....	233	9,400	7	723	43	4,742	3	65	16	837	45	1,552
December .....	194	7,612	4	63	26	1,143	6	499	11	382	51	3,957
Twelve months 1958 .....	2,125	72,778	49	1,246	356	16,822	68	5,027	125	3,267	367	16,408
Twelve months 1959 .....	2,197	76,800	58	1,546	370	18,442	56	1,823	130	5,077	439	17,966





Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1958 - January .....	3	96	152	3,854	58	1,440	3	981	2	17
February .....	5	252	117	5,617	46	1,561	3	252	-	-
March .....	3	2,884	138	4,289	44	1,492	6	241	1	24
April .....	3	369	95	2,327	56	2,008	2	79	3	36
May .....	4	153	104	3,176	40	1,434	1	91	2	66
June .....	3	200	118	2,574	52	2,093	4	193	1	18
July .....	3	186	81	2,282	38	800	2	27	2	48
August .....	3	128	81	1,804	31	623	-	-	-	-
September .....	2	56	104	2,936	41	962	1	11	2	40
October .....	4	90	131	3,635	46	1,157	1	12	2	60
November .....	1	19	126	3,320	48	2,411	2	26	1	12
December .....	2	60	129	4,434	45	1,903	3	93	2	61
1959 - January .....	6	467	110	2,519	57	2,074	1	32	2	15
February .....	4	224	115	2,503	57	2,095	4	109	1	48
March .....	2	72	113	3,048	46	2,502	2	19	3	774
April .....	2	64	111	2,112	54	1,413	1	97	3	22
May .....	1	5	82	2,037	44	984	2	47	1	10
June .....	2	63	90	2,434	51	2,210	5	183	-	-
July .....	3	59	90	3,186	61	1,626	-	-	1	7
August .....	4	45	101	4,578	39	1,524	2	21	1	10
September .....	4	116	119	4,170	76	4,458	2	67	3	29
October .....	2	20	132	4,759	56	3,503	2	33	3	64
November .....	3	109	161	3,866	62	5,200	2	22	1	12
December .....	1	174	128	4,150	45	2,241	3	55	1	5
Twelve months 1958 .....	36	4,493	1,376	40,250	545	17,884	28	2,007	18	383
Twelve months 1959 .....	34	1,420	1,352	39,363	648	29,831	26	684	20	995

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1958 - January .....	6	140	5	189	229	6,718	21	690	73	2,291
February .....	6	189	6	286	183	8,158	21	1,028	52	4,734
March .....	9	337	6	1,832	207	11,099	17	469	56	2,217
April .....	4	163	3	207	166	5,189	20	1,079	47	1,320
May .....	4	155	8	259	163	5,334	15	835	47	1,213
June .....	4	149	5	277	187	5,503	16	1,281	59	1,173
July .....	2	197	8	1,026	136	4,565	10	140	37	1,243
August .....	3	117	3	20	121	2,692	10	276	36	857
September .....	8	805	6	108	164	4,919	17	384	38	1,262
October .....	2	9	9	734	195	5,698	16	269	55	1,815
November .....	3	22	7	169	188	5,978	20	1,141	71	1,959
December .....	-	-	5	373	186	6,924	15	807	59	1,411
1959 - January .....	4	45	4	137	184	5,289	19	596	63	1,780
February .....	8	141	7	361	196	5,481	27	1,083	59	1,567
March .....	1	4	7	372	174	6,791	16	1,793	53	1,502
April .....	7	461	6	317	184	4,485	19	671	54	1,128
May .....	2	106	7	256	139	3,445	10	265	39	944
June .....	4	65	2	141	154	5,096	16	570	52	1,642
July .....	1	8	4	100	160	4,985	23	829	39	1,106
August .....	4	43	7	259	158	6,480	16	574	47	3,010
September .....	5	112	5	154	214	9,106	28	2,135	53	2,356
October .....	6	97	6	153	207	8,629	22	2,750	62	1,832
November .....	1	33	3	158	233	9,400	25	3,151	86	2,564
December .....	3	67	13	920	194	7,612	23	1,778	73	1,771
Twelve months 1958 .....	51	2,282	71	5,479	2,125	72,778	198	8,400	630	21,496
Twelve months 1959 .....	46	1,181	71	3,326	2,197	76,800	244	16,194	680	21,203

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1 9 5 8					1 9 5 9				
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	10	16	21	65	14	12	5	7	38
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	56	31	36	41	164	65	34	56	54	209
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	11	11	14	15	51	17	14	14	8	53
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	14	8	6	6	34	6	7	9	11	33
Over \$100,000 .....	18	6	7	11	42	7	6	7	17	37
Total .....	117	66	79	94	356	109	73	91	97	370
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	13	12	17	55	16	11	7	14	48
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	51	46	35	48	180	68	54	51	78	251
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	15	15	14	12	56	12	9	19	28	68
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	14	11	7	11	43	5	10	9	11	35
Over \$100,000 .....	9	9	4	11	33	8	3	14	12	37
Total .....	102	94	72	99	367	109	87	100	143	439
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	34	30	32	40	136	32	22	29	26	109
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	154	124	88	118	484	127	130	117	170	544
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	49	36	35	40	160	36	32	37	43	148
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	19	12	11	23	65	18	13	19	10	60
Over \$100,000 .....	12	9	4	12	37	11	11	12	12	46
Total .....	268	211	170	233	882	224	208	214	261	907
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	17	23	15	21	76	18	16	13	21	68
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	31	49	26	38	144	45	34	53	55	187
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	10	9	9	9	37	3	5	6	7	21
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	3	7	5	6	21	4	2	8	4	18
Over \$100,000 .....	7	3	1	6	17	1	1	3	2	7
Total .....	68	91	56	80	295	71	58	83	89	301
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	96	85	80	111	372	86	69	62	73	290
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	328	276	212	283	1,099	326	276	309	384	1,295
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	94	81	80	82	337	72	66	78	94	310
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	53	41	31	50	175	38	41	47	39	165
Over \$100,000 .....	48	33	18	43	142	32	25	36	44	137
Total .....	619	516	421	569	2,125	554	477	532	634	2,197
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	81	66	64	90	301	69	53	42	64	228
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	215	170	125	181	691	206	164	180	260	810
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	56	44	47	57	204	37	34	45	59	175
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	24	22	18	33	97	12	19	24	18	73
Over \$100,000 .....	31	15	12	25	83	14	13	19	20	66
Total .....	407	317	266	386	1,376	338	283	310	421	1,352
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	15	10	16	54	14	14	16	8	52
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	81	85	71	77	314	93	88	99	94	374
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	25	28	20	21	94	24	26	26	29	105
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	19	10	8	10	47	16	12	18	15	61
Over \$100,000 .....	10	10	1	15	36	13	9	17	17	56
Total .....	148	148	110	139	545	160	149	176	163	648

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1958 - January .....	29.3	32.0	25.4	24.8	103.5	37.8	40.4	32.4	23.2	38.2
February .....	44.6	50.4	48.0	33.9	49.0	47.7	71.3	31.6	31.4	22.2
March .....	53.6	961.3	31.1	33.9	37.6	30.5	82.9	140.0	28.9	39.2
April .....	31.2	123.0	24.5	35.8	31.0	69.0	59.2	27.2	27.2	24.2
May .....	32.7	38.2	30.5	35.8	44.6	32.4	42.4	32.8	24.5	21.7
June .....	29.4	66.7	21.8	40.2	39.9	55.4	23.7	40.2	18.0	36.0
July .....	33.6	62.0	28.2	21.0	45.3	128.2	34.0	55.8	28.3	23.9
August .....	22.2	42.7	22.3	20.1	39.0	6.7	20.3	24.1	22.1	21.1
September .....	30.0	28.0	28.2	23.5	77.8	18.0	61.0	27.3	21.5	16.5
October .....	29.2	22.5	27.7	25.2	16.2	81.6	17.4	37.6	28.3	28.9
November .....	31.8	19.0	26.3	50.2	10.0	24.1	60.5	41.5	23.0	24.4
December .....	37.2	30.0	34.4	42.3	31.0	74.6	43.8	49.2	30.9	33.3
1959 - January .....	28.7	77.8	22.9	36.4	13.0	34.3	45.5	22.1	26.4	12.8
February .....	28.0	56.0	21.8	36.8	22.8	51.6	30.4	22.5	31.1	15.1
March .....	39.0	36.0	27.0	54.4	132.8	53.1	43.5	47.6	23.2	21.7
April .....	24.4	32.0	19.0	26.2	52.7	52.8	31.5	20.9	26.5	9.6
May .....	24.8	5.0	24.8	22.4	32.6	36.6	18.3	38.8	19.3	26.0
June .....	33.1	31.5	27.0	43.3	27.6	70.5	48.4	20.2	29.5	12.4
July .....	31.2	19.7	35.4	26.6	7.5	25.0	31.7	25.0	38.4	23.1
August .....	41.0	11.2	45.3	39.1	10.6	37.0	43.3	42.1	27.1	87.3
September .....	42.6	29.0	35.0	58.6	20.8	30.8	32.6	84.6	36.2	24.2
October .....	41.7	10.0	36.0	62.6	17.6	25.5	96.0	22.5	43.2	25.3
November .....	40.3	36.3	24.0	83.9	16.8	52.7	110.3	34.5	19.1	12.6
December .....	39.2	174.0	32.4	49.8	18.1	70.8	44.0	77.6	20.6	24.0
The year 1958 .....	34.2	124.8	29.2	32.8	48.2	77.2	47.2	44.7	25.8	28.4
The year 1959 .....	35.0	41.8	29.1	46.0	31.1	46.8	49.8	40.9	28.6	24.8

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1958 - January .....	104	-	95	6	1	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	105	-	96	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	76	1	57	13	3	2	39	35	3	1
April .....	71	-	72	3	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	99	2	84	11	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	97	-	88	5	3	1	43	38	4	1
July .....	87	1	81	3	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	81	2	68	7	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	92	6	-	3	37	31	6	-
October .....	108	-	100	7	1	-	48	39	9	-
November .....	80	-	76	2	2	-	40	35	4	1
December .....	82	-	74	8	-	-	31	26	3	2
1959 - January .....	73	-	61	8	3	1	32	23	5	4
February .....	76	-	66	5	2	3	48	40	5	3
March .....	112	1	95	8	2	6	41	32	7	2
April .....	79	1	68	7	3	-	35	32	3	-
May .....	73	1	55	15	2	-	33	27	4	2
June .....	89	-	78	9	1	1	31	26	4	1
July .....	69	2	55	11	1	-	36	29	6	1
August .....	70	1	62	5	1	1	37	32	4	1
September .....	78	1	64	11	1	1	47	42	4	1
October .....	96	1	85	7	3	-	57	48	5	4
November .....	120	1	95	18	6	-	58	45	10	3
December .....	84	1	71	10	1	1	55	47	7	1
12 months 1958 .....	1,097	6	983	77	22	9	458	395	44	19
12 months 1959 .....	1,019	10	855	114	26	14	510	423	64	23



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During the first quarter of 1960 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 744, an increase of more than 34 per cent over the total of 554 insolvencies recorded for the first quarter of 1959. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$73,669,000 for the first quarter of 1960, 319.5 per cent higher than the corresponding 1959 total of \$17,561,000. Average liability per failure thus rose sharply from \$32,000 in the first quarter of 1959 to \$99,000 in the same period of 1960. This large increase in the average liabilities is due largely to failures in the Mining Industry.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with general merchandise, automotive products, filling stations, hardware and building materials, and furniture, appliances and radios accounting for the increase of insolvencies in this sector from 224 in 1959 to 289 in the first quarter of 1960. Bankruptcies numbered 157 in the construction and 150 in the manufacturing industries. This was an increase for the construction industry of 44 per cent above the corresponding period for the previous year. Insolvencies in the manufacturing industry increased by over 37 per cent from the first quarter of 1959, the largest increase being in the clothing and iron and steel and transportation equipment industries. Bankruptcies in the services sector increased slightly in the first quarter comparison and the number of defaulting transportation businesses increased from 13 to 30. Failures in agriculture also increased from 14 to 23.

Estimated liabilities in all industries increased greatly in comparison with the first quarter of 1959, with the mining industry showing the largest increase.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 440 bankruptcies in Quebec during the first quarter of 1960 in comparison with the 338 recorded in 1959. The total estimated liabilities in Quebec increased by 120 per cent, to \$17,813,000 from \$8,071,000 in the first quarter of the previous year, the average liability per failure thus increasing from \$23,879 to \$40,484 for the first quarter of 1960.

The number of insolvencies in Ontario increased greatly in the first quarter comparison to 223 from 160 and the total liabilities rose by over 660 per cent, placing the average liability per failure at \$230,200 as compared with \$41,694 for the same period of the previous year. Failures in the Prairie Provinces rose from 26 to 32, liabilities from \$185,000 to \$1,837,000 and the average liability increased from \$45,576 to \$57,400. British Columbia also recorded a greater number of business failures with 33 in the first quarter of 1960 and 18 in the same period of 1959. Liabilities increased from \$870,000 to \$2,256,000 and the average liability per failure increased from \$48,333 to \$68,360. The Atlantic Provinces failures increased from 12 to 16 but the liabilities declined from \$763,000 to \$431,000.

Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that 55 per cent of all failures during the first quarter involved businesses in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 liability range with all industries showing an increase in this range bracket. Failures in the \$100,000 and over group increased from 32 to 68.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by  
First Quarter, 1960

	FIRST QUARTER					
	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
AGRICULTURE .....	1	1	10	18	2	2
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	1	-	2	-	-	-
MINING .....	-	-	-	1	1	2
MANUFACTURES -						
Foods and Beverages .....	-	-	4	5	-	4
Textiles .....	-	-	-	-	-	1
Clothing .....	1	-	10	16	1	5
Wood Products .....	-	-	8	8	7	6
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	-	9	8	2	5
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	1	25	37	11	11
Electrical Apparatus & Non-Ferrous Metals .....	-	-	11	6	-	5
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Industries .....	-	-	11	10	3	7
Total Manufactures .....	1	1	78	91	24	45
CONSTRUCTION -						
General Contractors .....	-	1	18	24	22	27
Special Trade Contractors .....	-	1	39	51	19	39
Total Construction .....	-	2	57	75	41	66
TRANSPORTATION, ST. & C. ....	-	-	5	18	4	5
TRADE -						
Food .....	2	2	32	30	8	7
General Merchandise .....	2	-	3	11	-	2
Automotive Products .....	-	-	6	18	8	8
Filling Stations .....	-	1	4	6	2	6
Clothing .....	-	4	27	24	16	13
Shoes .....	-	-	2	5	2	1
Hardware & Building Materials .....	1	2	7	14	9	9
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	-	1	14	20	9	1
Fuel .....	-	-	3	1	-	-
Drugs .....	-	-	2	3	1	-
Jewellery .....	-	-	4	7	2	3
Other Trades .....	1	1	27	29	15	18
Total Trade .....	6	11	131	168	72	84
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	1	-	4	9	1	2
SERVICE -						
Community Service .....	-	-	2	4	1	1
Recreational Service .....	-	-	3	2	-	-
Business Service .....	-	-	5	9	3	7
Personal Service .....	2	1	41	45	11	9
Total Service .....	2	1	51	60	15	17
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	12	16	338	440	160	223



Economic Areas and Industries  
with Comparative Figures for 1959

FIRST QUARTER							
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		T o t a l			
				Number		Liabilities	
1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
						\$'000	\$'000
1	2	-	-	14	23	227	361
-	-	1	-	4	-	109	-
1	-	1	-	3	3	209	43,493
-	1	1	-	5	10	72	730
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	66
-	-	-	-	12	21	653	783
1	1	1	2	17	17	224	2,417
-	-	-	-	11	13	221	448
1	2	2	4	39	55	1,917	2,219
-	1	-	1	11	13	676	490
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	10
-	1	-	-	14	18	485	1,239
2	6	4	7	109	150	4,249	8,403
2	6	3	3	45	61	2,038	3,760
4	1	2	4	64	96	1,283	6,685
6	7	5	7	109	157	3,321	10,445
4	4	-	3	13	30	186	1,109
2	2	-	1	44	42	644	696
1	1	-	1	6	15	289	282
-	2	-	2	14	30	1,460	1,645
1	-	-	2	7	15	141	126
2	2	2	-	47	43	787	969
-	1	-	-	4	7	72	101
-	2	1	3	18	30	890	1,512
-	-	1	2	24	40	625	1,171
-	-	-	-	3	1	92	15
-	-	-	-	3	3	35	82
1	-	-	1	7	11	102	206
4	2	-	2	47	52	949	1,190
11	12	4	14	224	289	6,085	7,996
-	1	1	1	7	13	1,984	477
-	-	-	-	3	5	70	50
-	-	-	-	3	2	67	10
-	-	-	-	8	16	63	321
1	-	2	1	57	56	993	1,004
1	-	2	1	71	79	1,192	1,384
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	32	18	33	554	744	17,561	73,669

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total			Agriculture			Manufactures						Construction	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Total		Wood Products		Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.			
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.					
												\$'000		\$'000
1958													\$'000	
January .....	229	6,718	6	119	45	1,820	6	77	13	261	39	1,263		
February .....	183	8,158	2	48	33	2,353	4	288	10	300	35	1,105		
March .....	207	11,099	5	63	39	3,235	9	2,014	14	309	28	3,921		
April .....	166	5,189	6	168	18	1,066	3	433	5	113	27	734		
May .....	163	5,334	5	119	19	805	8	486	7	787	24	1,728		
June .....	187	5,503	3	192	29	688	5	291	7	92	43	1,339		
July .....	136	4,565	4	244	24	816	7	99	7	118	24	1,339		
August .....	121	2,692	1	39	26	527	4	186	8	118	23	555		
September .....	164	4,919	2	25	33	1,769	6	344	11	186	25	682		
October .....	195	5,698	9	161	29	573	6	177	19	260	23	864		
November .....	188	5,978	3	35	30	1,814	3	365	11	760	40	1,659		
December .....	186	6,924	3	33	31	1,357	7	267	13	594	36	1,772		
1959														
January .....	184	5,289	7	118	30	1,365	4	33	9	821	37	817		
February .....	196	5,481	3	14	42	1,278	11	175	16	762	37	834		
March .....	174	6,791	4	95	37	1,610	2	16	14	326	35	1,666		
April .....	184	4,485	4	25	29	913	5	123	7	89	39	815		
May .....	139	3,445	6	55	21	385	3	32	8	116	27	1,049		
June .....	154	5,096	3	195	23	1,113	3	111	12	128	21	425		
July .....	160	4,985	4	49	33	1,045	2	224	12	137	27	676		
August .....	158	6,494	4	41	25	1,083	2	28	9	518	25	1,067		
September .....	214	9,094	7	61	33	1,077	10	421	8	282	48	4,063		
October .....	207	8,619	5	106	28	2,687	5	96	11	679	47	1,082		
November .....	234	9,741	7	723	43	4,742	3	65	16	837	46	1,895		
December .....	195	7,685	4	63	26	1,143	6	499	11	382	51	3,957		
1960														
January .....	236	54,742	4	33	44	3,739	5	1,414	19	1,112	45	4,374		
February .....	226	9,642	12	174	48	2,602	6	827	20	835	50	3,627		
March .....	282	9,284	7	155	58	2,061	6	176	16	272	62	2,444		
Three months 1958 .....	619	25,974	13	230	117	7,407	19	2,379	37	870	102	6,289		
Three months 1959 .....	554	17,561	14	227	109	4,254	17	224	39	1,910	109	3,317		
Three months 1960 .....	744	73,669	23	361	150	8,403	17	2,417	55	2,219	157	10,445		

Transportation St. & C.			T r a d e								Service		
Number	Liab.		Total		Food		Clothing		Furniture, Appliances and Radios		Number	Liab.	
			Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
\$'000			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		
<u>1958</u>													
9	134		102	2,362	16	559	20	381	9	265	25	954	
13			74	2,322	17	425	9	165	11	311	18	400	
11	1,732		92	2,656	25	539	9	170	15	464	25	981	
8	76		70	1,902	11	282	11	189	8	416	31	750	
5	84		80	1,959	18	331	15	257	10	322	24	521	
8	154		61	1,095	11	104	11	212	10	183	36	1,295	
8	77		52	1,470	13	186	9	212	4	100	20	478	
8	127		44	971	9	103	5	64	4	190	15	317	
5	30		74	1,593	17	233	10	193	7	286	21	347	
13	744		78	2,206	14	258	11	210	5	140	32	925	
12	119		76	1,746	19	259	3	37	13	368	22	536	
5	26		79	2,444	12	179	15	328	18	783	26	867	
<u>1959</u>													
9	120		79	2,086	14	180	19	195	11	198	19	243	
2	49		80	2,487	20	365	10	183	9	309	27	407	
2	16		65	1,511	10	99	18	410	4	117	25	542	
8	75		76	2,015	19	348	4	85	15	724	20	192	
9	261		61	1,180	12	107	8	69	10	210	9	234	
2	27		71	2,095	23	720	8	190	10	282	29	359	
4	22		69	2,652	12	546	6	92	7	230	19	439	
6	44		68	1,845	14	380	10	157	6	578	27	2,356	
9	180		77	2,774	13	374	11	157	5	263	37	899	
7	114		91	3,916	14	190	13	410	15	1,904	29	734	
6	46		95	1,813	16	289	14	269	13	359	32	401	
8	187		76	1,588	13	184	12	184	9	122	28	700	
<u>1960</u>													
6	294		112	2,486	11	175	18	295	11	354	19	243	
9	93		76	2,579	13	180	6	145	13	316	29	533	
15	723		101	2,931	18	341	19	530	16	501	31	608	
Three months 1958 .....													
33	1,951		268	7,340	58	1,523	38	715	35	1,040	68	2,336	
Three months 1959 .....													
13	186		224	6,085	44	644	47	787	24	625	71	1,192	
Three months 1960 .....													
30	1,109		289	7,996	42	696	43	969	40	1,171	79	1,384	

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1958 - January .....	3	96	152	3,854	58	1,440	3	981	2	17
February .....	5	252	117	5,617	46	1,561	3	252	-	-
March .....	3	2,884	138	4,289	44	1,492	6	241	1	24
April .....	3	369	95	2,327	56	2,008	2	79	3	36
May .....	4	153	104	3,176	40	1,434	1	91	2	66
June .....	3	200	118	2,574	52	2,093	4	193	1	18
July .....	3	186	81	2,282	38	800	2	27	2	48
August .....	3	128	81	1,804	31	623	-	-	-	-
September .....	2	56	104	2,936	41	962	1	11	2	40
October .....	4	90	131	3,635	46	1,157	1	12	2	60
November .....	1	19	126	3,320	48	2,411	2	26	1	12
December .....	2	60	129	4,434	45	1,903	3	93	2	61
1959 - January .....	6	467	110	2,519	57	2,074	1	32	2	15
February .....	4	224	115	2,503	57	2,095	4	109	1	48
March .....	2	72	113	3,048	46	2,502	2	19	3	774
April .....	2	64	111	2,112	54	1,413	1	97	3	22
May .....	1	5	82	2,037	44	984	2	47	1	10
June .....	2	63	90	2,434	51	2,210	5	183	-	-
July .....	3	59	90	3,186	61	1,626	-	-	1	7
August .....	4	45	101	4,592	39	1,524	2	21	1	10
September .....	4	116	119	4,157	76	4,458	2	67	3	29
October .....	2	20	132	4,749	56	3,503	2	33	3	64
November .....	4	452	161	3,865	62	5,200	2	22	1	12
December .....	1	174	128	4,164	45	2,241	3	55	1	5
1960 - January .....	8	218	138	9,518	70	43,100	2	33	2	250
February .....	2	23	141	3,530	63	4,811	3	291	1	25
March .....	6	190	161	4,764	90	3,422	3	159	5	209
Three months 1958 ...	11	3,232	407	13,760	148	4,494	12	1,475	3	42
Three months 1959 ...	12	763	338	8,071	160	6,671	7	159	6	837
Three months 1960 ...	16	431	440	17,813	223	51,333	8	483	8	484

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1958 - January .....	6	140	5	189	229	6,718	21	690	73	2,291
February .....	6	189	6	286	183	8,158	21	1,028	52	4,734
March .....	9	337	6	1,832	207	11,099	17	469	56	2,217
April .....	4	163	3	207	166	5,189	20	1,079	47	1,320
May .....	4	155	8	259	163	5,334	15	835	47	1,213
June .....	4	149	5	277	187	5,503	16	1,281	59	1,173
July .....	2	197	8	1,026	136	4,565	10	140	37	1,243
August .....	3	117	3	20	121	2,692	10	276	36	857
September .....	8	805	6	108	164	4,919	17	384	38	1,262
October .....	2	9	9	734	195	5,698	16	269	55	1,815
November .....	3	22	7	169	188	5,978	20	1,141	71	1,959
December .....	-	-	5	373	186	6,924	15	807	59	1,411
1959 - January .....	4	45	4	137	184	5,289	19	596	63	1,780
February .....	8	141	7	361	196	5,481	27	1,083	59	1,567
March .....	1	4	7	372	174	6,791	16	1,793	53	1,502
April .....	7	461	6	317	184	4,485	19	671	54	1,128
May .....	2	106	7	256	139	3,445	10	265	39	944
June .....	4	65	2	141	154	5,096	16	570	52	1,642
July .....	1	8	4	100	160	4,985	23	829	39	1,106
August .....	4	43	7	259	158	6,494	16	574	47	3,010
September .....	5	112	5	154	214	9,094	28	2,135	53	2,339
October .....	6	97	6	153	207	8,619	22	2,750	62	1,821
November .....	1	33	3	158	234	9,741	25	3,151	86	2,564
December .....	3	67	14	979	195	7,685	23	1,778	73	1,798
1960 - January .....	7	668	9	956	236	54,742	29	41,002	73	7,998
February .....	6	161	10	802	226	9,642	28	2,890	65	1,868
March .....	3	42	14	498	282	9,284	35	2,042	85	2,834
Three months 1958 ...	21	666	17	2,307	619	25,974	59	2,187	181	9,242
Three months 1959 ...	13	189	18	870	554	17,561	62	3,472	175	4,849
Three months 1960 ...	16	870	33	2,256	744	73,669	92	45,934	223	12,700

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1958					1959					1960
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	18	10	16	21	65	14	12	5	7	38	15
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	56	31	36	41	164	65	34	56	54	209	70
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	11	11	14	15	51	17	14	14	8	53	26
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	14	8	6	6	34	6	7	9	11	33	17
Over \$100,000 .....	18	6	7	11	42	7	6	7	17	37	22
Total .....	117	66	79	94	356	109	73	91	97	370	150
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	13	13	12	17	55	16	11	7	14	48	14
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	51	46	35	48	180	68	54	51	78	251	78
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	15	15	14	12	56	12	9	19	28	68	31
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	14	11	7	11	43	5	10	9	11	35	11
Over \$100,000 .....	9	9	4	11	33	8	3	14	13	38	23
Total .....	102	94	72	99	367	109	87	100	144	40	157
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	34	30	32	40	136	32	22	29	26	109	32
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	154	124	88	118	484	127	130	117	172	546	168
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	49	36	35	40	160	36	32	37	41	146	52
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	19	12	11	23	65	18	13	19	11	61	20
Over \$100,000 .....	12	9	4	12	37	11	11	12	12	46	17
Total .....	268	211	170	233	882	224	208	214	262	908	289
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	17	23	15	21	76	18	16	13	21	68	11
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	31	49	26	38	144	45	34	53	55	187	48
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	10	9	9	9	37	3	5	6	7	21	16
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	3	7	5	6	21	4	2	8	3	17	4
Over \$100,000 .....	7	3	1	6	17	1	1	3	3	8	-
Total .....	68	91	56	80	295	71	58	83	89	301	79
<u>Total Canada</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	96	85	80	111	372	86	69	62	73	290	78
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	328	276	212	283	1,099	326	276	309	386	1,297	409
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	94	81	80	82	337	72	66	78	92	308	135
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	53	41	31	50	175	38	41	47	39	165	54
Over \$100,000 .....	48	33	18	43	142	32	25	36	46	139	68
Total .....	619	516	421	569	2,125	554	477	532	636	2,199	744
<u>Quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	81	66	64	90	301	69	53	42	64	228	54
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	215	170	125	181	691	206	164	180	262	812	268
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	56	44	47	57	204	37	34	45	57	173	67
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	24	22	18	33	97	12	19	24	17	72	27
Over \$100,000 .....	31	15	12	25	83	14	13	19	21	67	24
Total .....	407	317	266	386	1,376	338	283	310	421	1,352	440
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	13	15	10	16	54	14	14	16	8	52	16
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	81	85	71	77	314	93	88	99	94	374	105
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	25	28	20	21	94	24	26	26	29	105	52
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	19	10	8	10	47	16	12	18	15	61	17
Over \$100,000 .....	10	10	1	15	36	13	9	17	17	56	33
Total .....	148	148	110	139	545	160	149	176	163	648	223



Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	- Thousand dollars -									
1958 - January .....	29.3	32.0	25.4	24.8	103.5	37.8	40.4	32.4	23.2	38.2
February .....	44.6	50.4	48.0	33.9	49.0	47.7	71.3	31.6	31.4	22.2
March .....	53.6	961.3	31.1	33.9	37.6	30.5	82.9	140.0	28.9	39.2
April .....	31.2	123.0	24.5	35.8	31.0	69.0	59.2	27.2	27.2	24.2
May .....	32.7	38.2	30.5	35.8	44.6	32.4	42.4	32.8	24.5	21.7
June .....	29.4	66.7	21.8	40.2	39.9	55.4	23.7	40.2	18.0	36.0
July .....	33.6	62.0	28.2	21.0	45.3	128.2	34.0	55.8	28.3	23.9
August .....	22.2	42.7	22.3	20.1	39.0	6.7	20.3	24.1	22.1	21.1
September .....	30.0	28.0	28.2	23.5	77.8	18.0	61.0	27.3	21.5	16.5
October .....	29.2	22.5	27.7	25.2	16.2	81.6	17.4	37.6	28.3	28.9
November .....	31.8	19.0	26.3	50.2	10.0	24.1	60.5	41.5	23.0	24.4
December .....	37.2	30.0	34.4	42.3	31.0	74.6	43.8	49.2	30.9	33.3
1959 - January .....	28.7	77.8	22.9	36.4	13.0	34.3	45.5	22.1	26.4	12.8
February .....	28.0	56.0	21.8	36.8	22.8	51.6	30.4	22.5	31.1	15.1
March .....	39.0	36.0	27.0	54.4	132.8	53.1	43.5	47.6	23.2	21.7
April .....	24.4	32.0	19.0	26.2	52.7	52.8	31.5	20.9	26.5	9.6
May .....	24.8	5.0	24.8	22.4	32.6	36.6	18.3	38.8	19.3	26.0
June .....	33.1	31.5	27.0	43.3	27.6	70.5	48.4	20.2	29.5	12.4
July .....	31.2	19.7	35.4	26.6	7.5	25.0	31.7	25.0	38.4	23.1
August .....	41.1	11.2	45.5	39.1	10.6	37.0	43.3	42.7	27.1	87.3
September .....	42.5	29.0	34.9	58.6	20.8	30.8	32.6	84.6	36.0	24.3
October .....	41.6	10.0	36.0	62.6	17.6	25.5	96.0	22.6	43.0	25.3
November .....	41.6	113.0	24.0	83.9	16.8	52.7	110.3	41.2	19.1	12.5
December .....	39.4	174.0	32.5	49.8	18.1	70.8	44.0	77.6	20.9	25.0
1960 - January .....	232.0	27.2	69.0	615.7	86.5	106.2	85.0	97.2	22.2	12.8
February .....	42.7	11.5	25.0	76.4	47.7	80.2	54.2	72.5	33.9	18.4
March .....	32.9	31.7	29.6	38.0	37.3	35.6	35.5	39.4	29.0	19.6
Three months 1958 .....	42.0	293.8	33.8	30.4	60.6	135.7	63.3	61.7	27.4	34.4
Three months 1959 .....	31.7	63.6	23.9	41.7	45.6	48.3	39.0	30.4	27.2	16.8
Three months 1960 .....	99.0	26.9	40.5	230.2	57.4	68.4	56.0	66.5	27.7	17.5

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1958 - January .....	104	-	95	6	1	2	35	31	2	2
February .....	105	-	96	6	3	-	36	29	2	5
March .....	76	1	57	13	3	2	39	35	3	1
April .....	77	-	72	3	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	99	2	84	11	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	97	-	88	5	3	1	43	38	4	1
July .....	87	1	81	3	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	81	2	68	7	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	92	6	-	3	37	31	6	-
October .....	108	-	100	7	1	-	48	39	9	-
November .....	80	-	76	2	2	-	40	35	4	1
December .....	82	-	74	8	-	-	31	26	3	2
1959 - January .....	73	-	61	8	3	1	32	23	5	4
February .....	76	-	66	5	2	3	48	40	5	3
March .....	112	1	95	8	2	6	41	32	7	2
April .....	79	1	68	7	3	-	35	32	3	-
May .....	73	1	55	15	2	-	33	27	4	2
June .....	89	-	78	9	1	1	31	26	4	1
July .....	69	2	55	11	1	-	36	29	6	1
August .....	70	1	62	5	1	1	37	32	4	1
September .....	78	1	64	11	1	1	47	42	4	1
October .....	96	1	85	7	3	-	57	48	5	4
November .....	120	1	95	18	6	-	58	45	10	3
December .....	84	1	71	11	1	1	55	47	7	1
1960 - January .....	61	-	52	6	1	2	49	39	8	2
February .....	88	-	68	17	3	-	70	55	10	5
March .....	97	-	85	8	4	-	72	62	8	2
Three months 1958 .....	285	1	248	25	7	4	110	95	7	8
Three months 1959 .....	261	1	222	21	7	10	121	95	19	9
Three months 1960 .....	246	-	205	31	8	2	191	156	26	9



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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During the second quarter of 1960 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 610, an increase of nearly 28 per cent over the total of 477 for the second quarter of 1959. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$23,243,000 for the second quarter an increase of 78 per cent over the same period of the previous year. Average liability per failure thus increased from \$27,310 to \$38,103.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with food, clothing, hardware and building materials, furniture, appliances and radios, and miscellaneous businesses accounting for the increase of insolvencies in this sector from 208 in 1959 to 248 in the second quarter of 1960. Bankruptcies numbered 143 in the construction industry an increase of 64 per cent for the same quarter of 1959. Failures in the manufacturing industry rose from 73 to 89 with food and beverages, wood products and iron and steel and transportation equipment showing an upward trend. Failures in the services sector increased from 58 to 75. Liabilities in all sectors but finance showed sharp increases.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 327 failures in Quebec during the second quarter of 1960 as compared with 283 in the same period of 1959. Estimated liabilities increased from \$6,583,000 in 1959 to \$8,100,000 in 1960 and the average liabilities from \$23,261 to \$24,771. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 149 to 215 and liabilities from \$4,607,000 in 1959 to \$11,424,000 in 1960. The average liabilities per failure rose to \$53,135 from \$30,919. Failures and liabilities in the Prairie Provinces remained unchanged. British Columbia bankruptcies more than doubled in 1960 but the average liabilities decreased from \$47,542 to \$41,559.

#### Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 liability range, with all industries showing a sharp increase in this range bracket. Bankruptcies in the \$50,000 and over bracket increased from 66 to 95.

#### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the "Bankruptcy Act". In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by  
Second Quarter, 1960

	SECOND QUARTER					
	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
AGRICULTURE .....	1	-	8	6	4	7
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	-	3	-	-	-
MINING .....	-	-	-	1	1	1
MANUFACTURES -						
Foods and Beverages .....	-	-	2	5	2	3
Textiles .....	-	-	1	1	-	-
Clothing .....	-	-	11	5	3	1
Wood Products .....	-	-	6	10	3	7
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	-	3	3	2	4
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	1	16	18	8	13
Electrical Apparatus & Non-Ferrous Metals .....	-	-	2	3	4	2
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	-	5	2	1	3
Total Manufactures .....	-	1	46	48	23	33
CONSTRUCTION -						
General Contractors .....	1	2	10	38	9	26
Special Trade Contractors .....	1	-	45	37	15	26
Total Construction .....	2	2	55	75	24	52
TRANSPORTATION, ST. & C. ....	-	-	12	14	6	8
TRADE -						
Food .....	1	2	40	30	12	7
General Merchandise .....	-	2	3	8	-	3
Automotive Products .....	-	2	8	8	6	9
Filling Stations .....	-	-	10	3	5	8
Clothing .....	-	-	14	18	5	13
Shoes .....	-	-	4	3	-	2
Hardware & Building Materials .....	-	-	5	14	14	19
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	-	-	12	14	19	13
Fuel .....	-	-	3	1	1	3
Drugs .....	-	-	1	2	1	2
Jewellery .....	-	-	6	4	3	2
Other Trades .....	1	-	15	23	6	8
Total Trade .....	2	6	121	128	72	89
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	-	1	5	4	2	7
SERVICE -						
Community Service .....	-	-	2	6	5	1
Recreational Service .....	-	-	-	1	3	-
Business Service .....	-	-	1	8	1	1
Personal Service .....	-	1	30	35	8	16
Total Service .....	-	1	33	50	17	18
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL .....	5	11	283	327	149	215

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with Comparative Figures for 1959

SECOND QUARTER							
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		T o t a l			
				Number		Liabilities	
1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
						\$'000	\$'000
-	1	-	-	13	14	276	323
1	-	2	-	6	-	363	-
2	-	-	-	3	2	126	949
1	-	-	2	5	10	258	727
-	-	-	-	1	1	211	32
-	-	-	-	14	6	818	161
2	1	-	2	11	20	266	677
-	-	-	1	5	8	154	126
-	-	-	-	24	32	333	3,364
-	1	1	-	7	6	320	175
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	34
-	-	-	-	6	5	51	71
3	2	1	5	73	89	2,411	5,367
1	3	3	4	24	73	1,146	5,376
-	3	2	4	63	70	1,142	1,340
1	6	5	8	87	143	2,288	6,716
-	1	1	1	19	24	362	584
-	1	1	-	54	40	1,174	779
-	-	-	2	3	15	111	571
1	3	-	2	15	24	519	1,351
-	3	-	-	15	14	136	169
-	1	1	2	20	34	343	792
1	-	-	-	5	5	81	59
1	3	-	2	20	38	831	1,554
3	-	1	1	35	28	1,216	718
-	-	-	-	4	4	61	52
-	-	-	1	2	5	22	55
1	1	-	-	10	7	310	87
3	-	-	3	25	34	486	770
10	12	3	13	208	248	5,290	6,957
2	-	1	2	10	14	1,127	953
-	-	-	1	7	8	69	117
-	-	-	-	3	1	79	5
-	-	1	1	3	10	97	133
6	3	1	1	45	56	539	1,134
6	3	2	3	58	75	784	1,389
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
25	25	15	32	477	610	13,027	23,243

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Total			Agriculture		Manufactures				Construction		
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products		Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment	Number	Liab.
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
\$'000			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1958											
April	166	5,189	6	168	18	1,066	3	433	5	113	734
May	163	5,334	5	119	19	805	8	486	7	156	787
June	187	5,503	3	192	29	688	5	291	7	92	1,728
July	136	4,565	4	244	24	816	7	99	7	118	1,339
August	121	2,692	2	39	26	327	4	186	8	118	555
September	125	4,919	1	29	29	1,769	6	344	11	186	682
October	195	5,698	9	161	33	573	6	177	19	260	864
November	188	5,978	3	35	30	1,814	3	365	11	760	1,659
December	186	6,924	3	33	31	1,357	7	267	13	594	1,772
1959											
January	184	5,289	7	118	30	1,365	4	33	9	821	817
February	196	5,481	3	14	42	1,278	11	175	16	762	834
March	174	6,791	4	95	37	1,610	2	16	14	326	1,666
April	184	4,485	4	25	29	913	5	123	7	89	815
May	139	3,445	6	55	21	385	3	32	8	116	1,049
June	154	5,096	3	185	23	1,113	3	111	9	128	425
July	160	4,985	4	49	33	1,045	2	224	12	137	676
August	158	6,494	4	41	25	1,083	2	28	9	518	1,067
September	214	9,094	7	61	33	1,077	10	421	8	282	4,063
October	207	8,619	5	106	28	2,687	5	96	11	679	1,062
November	234	9,741	7	723	43	4,742	3	65	16	837	1,895
December	195	7,685	4	63	26	1,143	6	499	11	382	3,957
1960											
January	237	54,763	4	33	44	3,740	5	1,414	19	1,112	4,395
February	227	9,656	12	173	48	2,602	6	827	20	835	3,639
March	288	9,453	7	155	59	2,063	6	173	17	277	2,489
April	204	7,529	3	74	27	3,524	8	255	10	2,665	726
May	215	8,138	4	149	38	999	8	278	13	213	3,689
June	191	7,576	7	100	24	844	4	144	9	486	2,301
Six months 1958											
Six months 1959	1,135	42,001	27	709	183	9,967	35	3,589	56	1,231	9,538
Six months 1960	1,031	30,588	27	582	182	6,664	37	490	53	2,242	5,606
Six months 1960	1,362	97,115	37	604	240	13,772	28	3,091	88	3,988	17,233



Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Transportation St. & C.		T r a d e						Service			
	Number	Liab.	Total		Food		Clothing		Furniture, Appliances and Radios		Number	Liab.
			Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1958												
April .....	8	76	70	1,902	11	282	11	189	8	416	31	750
May .....	5	84	80	1,959	18	331	15	257	10	322	24	521
June .....	8	154	61	1,095	11	104	11	212	10	183	36	1,295
July .....	8	77	52	1,470	13	186	9	212	4	100	20	478
August .....	8	127	44	971	9	103	5	64	4	190	15	317
September .....	5	50	74	1,593	17	233	10	193	7	286	21	347
October .....	13	744	78	2,206	14	258	11	210	5	140	32	925
November .....	12	119	76	1,746	19	259	3	37	13	368	22	536
December .....	5	26	79	2,444	12	179	15	328	18	783	26	867
1959												
January .....	9	120	79	2,086	14	180	19	195	11	198	19	243
February .....	2	49	80	2,487	20	365	10	183	9	309	27	407
March .....	2	16	65	1,511	10	99	18	410	4	117	25	542
April .....	8	75	76	2,015	19	348	4	85	15	724	20	192
May .....	9	261	61	1,180	12	107	8	69	10	210	9	234
June .....	2	27	71	2,095	23	720	8	190	10	282	29	359
July .....	4	22	69	2,652	12	546	6	92	7	230	19	439
August .....	6	44	68	1,845	14	380	10	157	6	578	27	2,356
September .....	9	180	77	2,774	13	374	11	157	5	263	37	899
October .....	7	114	91	3,916	14	190	13	410	15	1,904	29	734
November .....	6	46	95	1,813	16	289	14	269	13	359	32	401
December .....	8	187	76	1,588	13	184	12	184	9	122	28	700
1960												
January .....	6	294	112	2,486	11	175	18	294	11	354	19	243
February .....	9	93	76	2,579	13	180	6	145	13	316	29	535
March .....	15	723	104	3,016	18	341	19	530	17	543	31	609
April .....	12	343	96	2,173	19	391	14	246	8	223	23	413
May .....	5	139	86	2,575	11	255	8	278	14	415	29	562
June .....	7	102	66	2,208	10	133	12	268	6	80	23	414
Six months 1958 .....	54	2,265	479	12,296	98	2,240	75	1,374	63	1,961	159	4,901
Six months 1959 .....	32	548	432	11,374	98	1,819	67	1,132	59	1,840	129	1,977
Six months 1960 .....	54	1,694	540	15,037	82	1,475	77	1,761	69	1,931	154	2,776

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1958 - April .....	3	369	95	2,327	56	2,008	2	79	3	36
May .....	4	153	104	3,176	40	1,434	1	91	2	66
June .....	3	200	118	2,574	52	2,093	4	193	1	18
July .....	3	186	81	2,282	38	800	2	27	2	48
August .....	3	128	81	1,804	31	623	-	-	-	-
September ..	2	56	104	2,936	41	962	1	11	2	40
October .....	4	90	131	3,635	46	1,157	1	12	2	60
November .....	1	19	126	3,320	48	2,411	2	26	1	12
December .....	2	60	129	4,434	45	1,903	3	93	2	61
1959 - January ....	6	467	110	2,520	57	2,074	1	32	2	15
February ....	4	224	115	2,503	57	2,095	4	108	1	48
March .....	2	72	113	3,048	46	2,502	2	19	3	774
April .....	2	64	111	2,112	54	1,413	1	97	3	22
May .....	1	5	82	2,037	44	984	2	47	1	10
June .....	2	64	90	2,434	51	2,210	5	183	-	-
July .....	3	59	90	3,186	61	1,626	-	-	1	7
August .....	4	45	101	4,592	39	1,524	2	21	1	10
September ..	4	116	119	4,157	76	4,458	2	67	3	29
October .....	2	20	132	4,749	56	3,503	2	33	3	64
November .....	4	452	161	3,865	62	5,200	2	22	1	12
December ....	1	174	128	4,164	45	2,241	3	55	1	5
1960 - January ....	8	218	139	9,540	70	43,100	2	33	2	249
February ....	3	38	141	3,529	63	4,812	3	291	1	25
March .....	7	215	165	4,860	91	3,470	3	159	5	209
April .....	6	303	114	2,327	64	4,062	1	25	3	20
May .....	4	452	110	3,356	76	3,213	4	328	4	196
June .....	1	15	103	2,417	75	4,148	2	768	2	62
Six months 1958 ...	21	3,954	724	21,837	296	10,028	19	1,837	9	161
Six months 1959 ...	17	896	621	14,654	309	11,278	15	486	10	869
Six months 1960 ...	29	1,241	772	26,029	439	62,805	15	1,604	17	761

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1958 - April .....	4	163	3	207	166	5,189	20	1,079	47	1,320
May .....	4	155	8	259	163	5,334	15	835	47	1,213
June .....	4	149	5	277	187	5,503	16	1,281	59	1,173
July .....	2	197	8	1,026	136	4,565	10	140	37	1,243
August .....	3	117	3	20	121	2,692	10	276	36	857
September ..	8	805	6	108	164	4,919	17	334	38	1,262
October .....	2	9	9	734	195	5,698	16	269	55	1,815
November .....	3	22	7	169	188	5,978	20	1,141	71	1,959
December ....	-	-	5	373	186	6,924	15	807	59	1,411
1959 - January ....	4	45	4	137	184	5,289	19	596	63	1,780
February ....	8	141	7	361	196	5,481	27	1,083	59	1,561
March .....	1	4	7	372	174	6,791	16	1,793	53	1,502
April .....	7	461	6	317	184	4,485	19	671	54	1,128
May .....	2	106	7	256	139	3,445	10	265	39	944
June .....	4	65	2	141	154	5,096	16	570	52	1,642
July .....	1	8	4	100	160	4,985	23	829	39	1,106
August .....	4	43	7	259	158	6,494	16	574	47	3,010
September ..	5	112	5	154	214	9,094	28	2,135	53	2,339
October .....	6	97	6	153	207	8,619	22	2,750	62	1,821
November .....	1	33	3	158	234	9,741	25	3,151	86	2,564
December ....	3	67	14	979	195	7,685	23	1,778	73	1,798
1960 - January ....	7	668	9	956	237	54,763	29	41,002	73	7,998
February ....	6	161	10	802	227	9,656	28	2,890	65	1,868
March .....	3	42	14	498	288	9,453	35	2,042	86	2,844
April .....	3	45	13	745	204	7,529	18	760	48	942
May .....	5	162	12	431	215	8,138	28	1,057	47	1,709
June .....	1	12	7	154	191	7,576	24	1,495	57	1,304
Six months 1958 ...	33	1,133	33	3,050	1,135	42,001	110	5,382	334	12,948
Six months 1959 ...	26	822	33	1,584	1,031	30,588	107	4,978	320	8,563
Six months 1960 ...	25	1,090	65	3,586	1,362	97,115	162	49,246	376	16,665

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

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	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	10	16	21	65	14	12	5	7	38	15	6
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	31	36	41	164	65	34	56	54	209	71	48
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	11	14	15	51	17	14	14	8	53	26	17
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	8	6	6	34	6	7	9	11	33	17	8
Over \$100,000 .....	6	7	11	42	7	6	7	17	37	22	10
Total .....	66	79	94	356	109	73	91	97	370	151	89
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	13	12	17	55	16	11	7	14	48	14	12
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	46	35	48	180	68	54	51	78	251	80	82
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	15	14	12	56	12	9	19	28	68	32	24
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	11	7	11	43	5	10	9	11	35	11	13
Over \$100,000 .....	9	4	11	33	8	3	14	13	38	23	12
Total .....	94	72	99	367	109	87	100	144	440	160	143
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	30	32	40	136	32	22	29	26	109	32	20
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	124	88	118	484	127	130	117	172	546	170	153
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	36	35	40	160	36	32	37	41	146	53	42
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	12	11	23	65	18	13	19	11	61	20	20
Over \$100,000 .....	9	4	12	37	11	11	12	12	46	17	13
Total .....	211	170	233	882	224	208	214	262	908	292	248
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	23	15	21	76	18	16	13	21	68	11	14
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	49	26	38	144	45	34	53	55	187	48	45
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	9	9	9	37	3	5	6	7	21	16	9
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	7	5	6	21	4	2	8	3	17	4	5
Over \$100,000 .....	3	1	6	17	1	1	3	3	8	-	2
Total .....	91	56	80	295	71	58	83	89	301	79	75
<u>Total Canada</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	85	80	111	372	86	69	62	73	290	78	54
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	276	212	283	1,099	326	276	309	386	1,297	414	362
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	81	80	82	337	72	66	78	92	308	138	99
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	41	31	50	175	38	41	47	39	165	54	53
Over \$100,000 .....	33	18	43	142	32	25	36	46	139	68	42
Total .....	516	421	569	2,125	554	477	532	636	2,199	752	610
<u>Quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	66	64	90	301	69	53	42	64	228	54	38
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	170	125	181	691	206	164	180	262	812	272	207
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	44	47	57	204	37	34	45	57	173	68	47
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	22	18	33	97	12	19	24	17	72	27	20
Over \$100,000 .....	15	12	25	83	14	13	19	21	67	24	15
Total .....	317	266	386	1,376	338	283	310	421	1,352	445	327
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	15	10	16	54	14	14	16	8	52	16	14
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ....	85	71	77	314	93	88	99	94	374	105	121
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ....	28	20	21	94	24	26	26	29	105	53	39
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ....	10	8	10	47	16	12	18	15	61	17	22
Over \$100,000 .....	10	1	15	36	13	9	17	17	56	33	19
Total .....	148	110	139	545	160	149	176	163	648	224	215

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
<u>1958</u> - April .....	31.2	123.0	24.5	35.8	31.0	69.0	59.2	27.2	27.2	24.2
May .....	32.7	38.2	30.5	35.8	44.6	32.4	42.4	32.8	24.5	21.7
June .....	29.4	66.7	21.8	40.2	39.9	55.4	23.7	40.2	18.0	36.0
July .....	33.6	62.0	28.2	21.0	45.3	128.2	34.0	55.8	28.3	23.9
August .....	22.2	42.7	22.3	20.1	39.0	6.7	20.3	24.1	22.1	21.1
September .....	30.0	28.0	28.2	23.5	77.8	18.0	61.0	27.3	21.5	16.5
October .....	29.2	22.5	27.7	25.2	16.2	81.6	17.4	37.6	28.3	28.9
November .....	31.8	19.0	26.3	50.2	10.0	24.1	60.5	41.5	23.0	24.4
December .....	37.2	30.0	34.4	42.3	31.0	74.6	43.8	49.2	30.9	33.3
<u>1959</u> - January .....	28.7	77.8	22.9	36.4	13.0	34.3	45.5	22.1	26.4	12.8
February .....	28.0	56.0	21.8	36.8	22.8	51.6	30.4	22.5	31.1	15.1
March .....	39.0	36.0	27.0	54.4	132.8	53.1	43.5	47.6	23.2	21.7
April .....	24.4	32.0	19.0	26.2	52.7	52.8	31.5	20.9	26.5	9.6
May .....	24.8	5.0	24.8	22.4	32.6	36.6	18.3	38.8	19.3	26.0
June .....	33.1	32.0	27.0	43.3	27.6	70.5	48.4	20.2	29.5	12.4
July .....	31.2	19.7	35.4	26.6	7.5	25.0	31.7	25.0	38.4	23.1
August .....	41.1	11.2	45.5	39.1	10.6	37.0	43.3	42.7	27.1	87.3
September .....	42.5	29.0	34.9	58.6	20.8	30.8	32.6	84.6	36.0	24.3
October .....	41.6	10.0	36.0	62.6	17.6	25.5	96.0	22.6	43.0	25.3
November .....	41.6	113.0	24.0	83.9	16.8	52.7	110.3	41.2	19.1	12.5
December .....	39.4	174.0	32.5	49.8	18.1	70.0	44.0	77.6	20.9	25.0
<u>1960</u> - January .....	231.1	27.2	68.6	615.7	86.4	106.2	85.0	95.5	22.2	12.8
February .....	42.5	12.7	25.0	76.4	47.7	80.2	54.2	71.4	33.9	18.4
March .....	32.8	30.7	29.4	38.1	37.3	35.6	35.0	39.5	29.0	19.6
April .....	36.9	50.5	20.4	63.5	12.9	57.3	130.5	19.6	22.6	18.0
May .....	37.8	113.0	30.5	42.3	52.8	35.9	26.3	70.9	29.9	19.4
June .....	39.7	15.0	23.5	55.3	168.4	22.0	35.2	42.6	33.4	18.0
Six months 1958 .....	37.0	188.3	30.2	33.9	42.0	92.4	54.5	48.7	25.7	30.8
Six months 1959 .....	29.7	52.7	23.6	36.5	41.5	48.0	36.6	28.6	26.3	15.3
Six months 1960 .....	71.3	42.8	33.7	143.1	60.6	55.2	57.4	56.9	27.8	18.0

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
<u>1958</u> - April .....	77	-	72	3	2	-	46	36	5	5
May .....	99	2	84	11	2	-	51	49	2	-
June .....	97	-	88	5	3	1	43	38	4	1
July .....	87	1	81	3	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	81	2	68	7	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	92	6	-	3	37	31	6	-
October .....	108	-	100	7	1	-	48	39	9	-
November .....	80	-	76	2	2	-	40	35	4	1
December .....	82	-	74	8	-	-	31	26	3	2
<u>1959</u> - January .....	73	-	61	8	3	1	32	23	5	4
February .....	76	-	66	5	2	3	48	40	5	3
March .....	112	1	95	8	2	6	41	32	7	2
April .....	79	1	68	7	3	-	35	32	3	-
May .....	73	1	55	15	2	-	33	27	4	2
June .....	89	-	78	9	1	1	30	25	4	1
July .....	69	2	55	11	1	-	36	29	6	1
August .....	70	1	62	5	1	1	37	32	4	1
September .....	78	1	64	11	1	1	45	41	4	-
October .....	96	1	85	7	3	-	56	47	5	4
November .....	120	1	95	18	6	-	55	44	9	2
December .....	84	1	71	11	1	1	55	47	7	1
<u>1960</u> - January .....	62	-	52	7	1	2	48	38	8	2
February .....	88	-	68	17	3	-	70	55	10	5
March .....	98	-	86	8	4	-	71	61	8	2
April .....	64	3	50	9	1	1	43	37	6	-
May .....	70	1	52	14	1	2	34	28	5	1
June .....	63	1	48	11	-	3	48	41	3	4
Six months 1958 .....	558	3	492	44	14	5	250	218	18	14
Six months 1959 .....	502	3	423	52	13	11	219	179	28	12
Six months 1960 .....	445	5	356	66	10	8	314	260	40	14



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During the third quarter of 1960 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 612, an increase of 15 per cent over the total of 532 for the third quarter of 1959. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$21,900,000 for the third quarter of 1960 an increase of over 6 per cent for the same period of 1959. Average liability per failure decreased from \$38,671 to \$35,784.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with food, general merchandise, automotive products, filling stations and miscellaneous businesses accounting for the increase of insolvencies in this sector from 214 in 1959 to 248 in the same quarter of 1960. Bankruptcies numbered 145 in the construction industry an increase of 45 per cent over the same period last year. Failures in the manufacturing industry increased slightly with wood products, iron and steel and transportation equipment, and miscellaneous industries all showing an upward trend. Failures in the services sector decreased from 83 in 1959 to 78 in 1960. Liabilities in all sectors but services showed an increase.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 359 failures in Quebec during the third quarter of 1960 as compared with 310 for the previous year. Estimated liabilities were lower at \$10,896,000 with average liability decreasing from \$38,500 to \$30,500. The number of failures in Ontario increased from 176 to 195 for the third quarter and liabilities from \$7,608,000 to \$8,071,000. Average liability per failure decreased from \$43,227, to \$41,390. Failures in the Prairie Provinces increased slightly but average liabilities rose sharply from \$15,632 to \$56,952. The number of bankruptcies in British Columbia was 27 for the third quarter of 1960 as compared with 16 for the same period in 1959 and average liabilities increased from \$32,062 to \$54,296.

Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 liability range. Failures in the \$50,000 and over bracket increased from 83 to 106.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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	THIRD QUARTER					
	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
AGRICULTURE .....	-	-	9	6	3	5
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
MINING .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
MANUFACTURES -						
Foods and Beverages .....	1	-	6	7	2	1
Textiles .....	-	-	3	-	-	-
Clothing .....	1	-	7	7	4	-
Wood Products .....	-	-	8	15	5	5
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	1	8	5	-	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	-	-	17	23	11	9
Electrical Apparatus & Non-Ferrous Metals .....	2	-	6	1	5	1
Chemical Products .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Industries .....	-	-	1	11	1	2
Total Manufactures .....	4	1	56	69	29	19
CONSTRUCTION -						
General Contractors .....	-	1	22	22	20	26
Special Trade Contractors .....	2	-	22	61	25	20
Total Construction .....	2	1	44	83	45	46
TRANSPORTATION, ST. & C. ....	-	-	8	9	8	9
TRADE -						
Food .....	-	2	27	33	12	8
General Merchandise .....	2	-	4	9	1	4
Automotive Products .....	-	1	19	16	11	16
Filling Stations .....	-	2	6	6	6	8
Clothing .....	-	-	16	11	7	10
Shoes .....	-	-	1	1	3	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	-	1	17	15	9	9
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	-	-	13	12	5	13
Fuel .....	-	-	3	5	-	-
Drugs .....	-	-	-	1	-	1
Jewellery .....	1	-	4	5	1	2
Other Trades .....	1	-	20	19	11	18
Total Trade .....	4	6	130	133	66	89
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	1	1	4	10	2	1
SERVICE -						
Community Service .....	-	-	3	2	-	1
Recreational Service .....	-	-	2	3	1	2
Business Service .....	-	-	8	7	3	3
Personal Service .....	-	1	45	37	19	20
Total Service .....	-	1	58	49	23	26
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	11	10	310	359	176	195

Economic Areas and Industries

with Comparative Figures for 1959

THIRD QUARTER							
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total			
				Number		Liabilities	
1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
						\$'000	\$'000
2	1	1	-	15	12	151	229
-	-	1	-	1	-	17	-
-	-	-	-	1	-	20	-
-	1	-	-	9	9	153	208
-	-	-	-	3	-	248	-
-	1	-	-	12	8	370	168
-	-	1	-	14	20	673	981
-	1	-	-	8	7	299	219
-	2	1	-	29	34	937	1,426
-	-	-	-	13	2	505	14
-	-	-	-	1	1	5	106
-	-	-	1	2	14	15	1,176
-	5	2	1	91	95	3,205	4,298
1	1	2	6	45	56	3,790	4,848
3	4	3	4	55	89	2,017	1,976
4	5	5	10	100	145	5,807	6,824
2	-	1	3	19	21	245	625
-	-	-	-	39	43	1,299	715
-	1	2	1	9	15	185	339
2	1	1	3	33	37	1,867	1,821
-	2	-	1	12	19	267	161
2	-	2	1	27	22	406	470
-	-	-	1	4	2	110	25
1	1	-	2	27	28	1,218	1,528
-	2	-	2	18	29	1,071	769
-	-	-	-	3	5	209	85
1	-	-	-	1	2	17	29
-	-	-	-	6	7	133	562
3	1	-	1	35	39	489	783
9	8	5	12	214	248	7,271	7,287
-	1	1	-	8	13	163	1,274
-	-	-	-	3	3	28	50
-	-	-	-	3	5	448	202
1	1	-	-	12	11	2,193	115
1	-	-	1	65	59	1,025	996
2	1	-	1	83	78	3,694	1,363
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	21	16	27	532	612	20,573	21,900

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Total			Agriculture		Manufactures				Construction	
Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total	Wood Products	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<b>1958</b>										
July .....	4,565	4	244	24	816	7	99	7	118	1,339
August .....	2,692	1	39	26	527	4	186	8	118	1,555
September .....	4,919	2	25	29	1,769	6	344	11	186	882
October .....	5,698	9	161	33	1,777	19	260	23	864	1,777
November .....	5,978	3	35	30	1,814	3	365	11	760	1,659
December .....	6,924	3	33	31	1,357	7	267	13	594	1,772
<b>1959</b>										
January .....	5,289	7	118	30	1,365	4	33	9	821	817
February .....	5,481	3	14	42	1,278	11	175	16	762	37
March .....	6,791	4	95	37	1,610	2	16	14	326	35
April .....	4,485	4	25	29	913	5	123	7	815	1,666
May .....	3,445	6	55	21	385	3	32	8	116	39
June .....	5,096	3	195	23	1,113	3	111	9	128	27
July .....	4,985	4	49	33	1,045	2	224	12	137	21
August .....	6,494	4	41	25	1,083	2	28	9	518	676
September .....	9,094	7	61	33	1,077	10	421	8	282	1,067
October .....	8,619	5	106	28	2,687	5	96	11	679	47
November .....	9,741	7	723	43	4,742	3	65	16	837	46
December .....	7,685	4	63	26	1,143	6	499	11	382	51
<b>1960</b>										
January .....	54,763	4	33	44	3,740	5	1,414	19	1,112	4,395
February .....	9,656	12	173	48	2,602	6	827	20	835	46
March .....	9,453	7	155	59	2,063	6	173	17	277	51
April .....	7,529	3	74	27	3,524	8	255	10	2,665	63
May .....	8,138	4	149	38	999	8	278	13	213	37
June .....	7,576	7	100	24	844	4	144	9	486	3,689
July .....	7,916	4	81	26	1,207	6	282	10	315	52
August .....	6,188	4	55	33	1,603	7	255	15	948	2,231
September .....	7,796	4	93	36	1,488	7	444	9	162	1,184
<b>Nine Months 1958.....</b>										
	54,177	34	1,017	262	13,079	52	4,218	82	1,653	12,114
<b>Nine Months 1959 .....</b>										
	51,160	42	653	273	9,869	42	1,163	92	3,179	11,412
<b>Nine Months 1960 .....</b>										
	119,015	49	913	335	18,070	57	4,072	122	7,013	24,064

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Transportation St. & C.			Trade				Service			
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
<u>1958</u>		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
July .....	8	77									
August .....	5	127	1,470	13	186	9	212	4	100	20	478
September .....	8	50	971	9	103	5	64	4	190	15	317
October .....	13	744	1,593	17	233	10	193	7	286	21	347
November .....	12	119	2,206	14	258	11	210	5	140	32	925
December .....	5	26	2,444	12	179	15	328	18	783	26	867
<u>1959</u>											
January .....	9	120	2,086	14	180	19	195	11	198	19	243
February .....	2	49	2,487	20	365	10	183	9	309	27	407
March .....	8	75	1,511	10	99	18	410	4	117	25	542
April .....	9	261	2,015	19	348	4	85	15	724	20	192
May .....	2	27	1,180	12	107	8	69	10	210	9	234
June .....	4	22	2,095	23	720	8	190	10	282	29	359
July .....	4	22	2,652	12	546	6	92	7	230	19	439
August .....	6	44	1,845	14	380	10	157	6	578	27	586
September .....	9	180	2,774	13	374	11	157	5	263	37	899
October .....	7	114	3,916	14	190	13	410	15	1,904	29	734
November .....	6	46	1,813	16	289	14	269	13	359	32	401
December .....	8	187	1,588	13	184	12	184	9	122	28	700
<u>1960</u>											
January .....	6	294	2,486	11	175	18	294	11	354	19	243
February .....	9	93	2,579	13	180	6	145	13	316	29	535
March .....	15	723	3,016	18	341	19	530	17	543	31	609
April .....	12	343	2,173	19	391	14	246	8	223	23	413
May .....	5	139	2,575	11	255	8	278	14	415	29	562
June .....	7	102	2,208	10	133	12	268	6	80	23	414
July .....	4	84	2,756	14	254	6	148	9	217	19	488
August .....	7	404	2,187	17	222	6	134	14	434	39	672
September .....	10	136	2,343	12	238	10	187	6	118	20	202
Nine Months 1958 .....	75	2,519	16,330	137	2,762	99	1,843	78	2,537	215	6,043
Nine Months 1959 .....	51	794	18,645	137	3,119	94	1,538	77	2,911	212	5,671
Nine Months 1960 .....	75	2,318	22,323	125	2,189	99	2,230	98	2,700	232	4,138

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000
1958 - July .....	3	186	81	2,282	38	800	2	27	2	48
August .....	3	128	81	1,804	31	623	-	-	-	-
September ..	2	56	104	2,936	41	962	1	11	2	40
October .....	4	90	131	3,635	46	1,157	1	12	2	60
November ...	1	19	126	3,320	48	2,411	2	26	1	12
December ...	2	60	129	4,434	45	1,903	3	93	2	61
1959 - January ....	6	467	110	2,520	57	2,074	1	32	2	15
February ...	4	224	115	2,503	57	2,095	4	108	1	48
March .....	2	72	113	3,048	46	2,502	2	19	3	774
April .....	2	64	111	2,112	54	1,413	1	97	3	22
May .....	1	5	82	2,037	44	984	2	47	1	10
June .....	2	64	90	2,434	51	2,210	5	183	-	-
July .....	3	59	90	3,186	61	1,626	-	-	1	7
August .....	4	45	101	4,592	39	1,524	2	21	1	10
September ..	4	116	119	4,157	76	4,458	2	67	3	29
October .....	2	20	132	4,749	56	3,503	2	33	3	64
November ...	4	452	161	3,865	62	5,200	2	22	1	12
December ...	1	174	128	4,164	45	2,241	3	55	1	5
1960 - January ....	8	218	139	9,540	70	43,100	2	33	2	249
February ...	3	38	141	3,529	63	4,812	3	291	1	25
March .....	7	215	165	4,860	91	3,470	3	159	5	209
April .....	6	303	114	2,327	64	4,062	1	25	3	20
May .....	4	452	110	3,356	76	3,213	4	328	4	196
June .....	1	15	103	2,417	75	4,148	2	768	2	62
July .....	4	215	102	3,604	47	2,325	3	973	5	75
August .....	4	37	143	3,645	75	2,301	2	15	-	-
September ..	2	38	114	3,627	73	3,445	2	18	2	32
Nine Months 1958 ..	29	4,324	990	28,859	406	12,413	22	1,875	13	249
Nine Months 1959 ..	28	1,116	931	26,589	485	18,886	19	574	15	915
Nine Months 1960 ..	39	1,531	1,131	36,905	634	70,876	22	2,610	24	868
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000
1958 - July .....	2	197	8	1,026	136	4,565	10	140	37	1,243
August .....	3	117	3	20	121	2,692	10	276	36	857
September ..	8	805	6	108	164	4,919	17	384	38	1,262
October .....	2	9	9	734	195	5,698	16	269	55	1,815
November ...	3	22	7	169	188	5,978	20	1,141	71	1,959
December ...	-	-	5	373	186	6,924	15	807	59	1,411
1959 - January ....	4	45	4	137	184	5,289	19	596	63	1,780
February ...	8	141	7	361	196	5,481	27	1,083	59	1,567
March .....	1	4	7	372	174	6,791	16	1,793	53	1,502
April .....	7	461	6	317	184	4,485	19	671	54	1,128
May .....	2	106	7	256	139	3,445	10	265	39	944
June .....	4	65	2	141	154	5,096	16	570	52	1,642
July .....	1	8	4	100	160	4,985	23	829	39	1,106
August .....	4	43	7	259	158	6,494	16	574	47	3,010
September ..	5	112	5	154	214	9,094	28	2,135	53	2,339
October .....	6	97	6	153	207	8,619	22	2,750	62	1,821
November ...	1	33	3	158	234	9,741	25	3,151	86	2,564
December ...	3	67	14	979	195	7,685	23	1,778	73	1,798
1960 - January ....	7	668	9	956	237	54,763	29	41,002	73	7,998
February ...	6	161	10	802	227	9,656	28	2,890	65	1,868
March .....	3	42	14	498	288	9,453	35	2,042	86	2,844
April .....	3	45	13	745	204	7,529	18	760	48	942
May .....	5	162	12	431	215	8,138	28	1,057	47	1,709
June .....	1	12	7	154	191	7,576	24	1,495	57	1,304
July .....	3	16	11	708	175	7,916	14	825	59	2,124
August .....	1	8	6	181	231	6,188	19	681	69	2,053
September ...	3	59	10	576	206	7,796	23	1,485	56	1,070
Nine Months 1958 ..	46	2,252	50	4,204	1,556	54,177	147	6,182	445	16,310
Nine Months 1959 ..	36	985	49	2,097	1,563	51,160	174	8,516	459	15,018
Nine Months 1960 ..	32	1,173	92	5,051	1,974	119,015	218	52,237	560	21,912



Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

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	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter
<u>Manufacturing</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	16	21	65	14	12	5	7	38	15	6	8
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	36	41	164	65	34	56	54	209	71	48	49
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	14	15	51	17	14	14	8	53	26	17	14
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	6	6	34	6	7	9	11	33	17	8	13
Over \$100,000 .....	7	11	42	7	6	7	17	37	22	10	11
Total .....	79	94	356	109	73	91	97	370	151	89	95
<u>Construction</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	12	17	55	16	11	7	14	48	14	12	12
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	35	48	180	68	54	51	78	251	80	82	78
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	14	12	56	12	9	19	28	68	32	24	22
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	7	11	43	5	10	9	11	35	11	13	17
Over \$100,000 .....	4	11	33	8	3	14	13	38	23	12	16
Total .....	72	99	367	109	87	100	144	440	160	143	145
<u>Trade</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	32	40	136	32	22	29	26	109	32	20	18
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	88	118	484	127	130	117	172	546	170	153	152
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	35	40	160	36	32	37	41	146	53	42	45
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	11	23	65	18	13	19	11	61	20	20	19
Over \$100,000 .....	4	12	37	11	11	12	12	46	17	13	14
Total .....	170	233	882	224	208	214	262	908	292	248	248
<u>Service</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	15	21	76	18	16	13	21	68	11	14	12
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	26	38	144	45	34	53	55	187	48	45	50
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	9	9	37	3	5	6	7	21	16	9	8
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	5	6	21	4	2	8	3	17	4	5	8
Over \$100,000 .....	1	6	17	1	1	3	3	8	-	2	-
Total .....	56	80	295	71	58	83	89	301	79	75	78
<u>Total Canada</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	80	111	372	86	69	62	73	290	78	54	55
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	212	283	1,099	326	276	309	386	1,297	414	362	356
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	80	82	337	72	66	78	92	308	138	99	95
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	31	50	175	38	41	47	39	165	54	53	63
Over \$100,000 .....	18	43	142	32	25	36	46	139	68	42	43
Total .....	421	569	2,125	554	477	532	636	2,199	752	610	612
<u>Quebec</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	64	90	301	69	53	42	64	228	54	38	40
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	125	181	691	206	164	180	262	812	272	207	220
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	47	57	204	37	34	45	57	173	68	47	48
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	18	33	97	12	19	24	17	72	27	20	35
Over \$100,000 .....	12	25	83	14	13	19	21	67	24	15	16
Total .....	266	386	1,376	338	283	310	421	1,352	445	327	359
<u>Ontario</u>											
Under \$5,000 .....	10	16	54	14	14	16	8	52	16	14	10
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ...	71	77	314	93	88	99	94	374	105	121	107
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ...	20	21	94	24	26	26	29	105	53	39	33
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ...	8	10	47	16	12	18	15	61	17	22	24
Over \$100,000 .....	1	15	36	13	9	17	17	56	33	19	21
Total .....	110	139	545	160	149	176	163	648	224	215	195

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand Dollars -										
<u>1958</u> - July .....	33.6	62.0	28.2	21.0	45.3	128.2	34.0	55.8	28.3	23.9
August .....	22.2	42.7	22.3	20.1	39.0	6.7	20.3	24.1	22.1	21.1
September .....	30.0	28.0	28.2	23.5	77.8	18.0	61.0	27.3	21.5	16.5
October .....	29.2	22.5	27.7	25.2	16.2	81.6	17.4	37.6	28.3	28.9
November .....	31.8	19.0	26.3	50.2	10.0	24.1	60.5	41.5	23.0	24.4
December .....	37.2	30.0	34.4	42.3	31.0	74.6	43.8	49.2	30.9	33.3
<u>1959</u> - January .....	28.7	77.8	22.9	36.4	13.0	34.3	45.5	22.1	26.4	12.8
February .....	28.0	56.0	21.8	36.8	22.8	51.6	30.4	22.5	31.1	15.1
March .....	39.0	36.0	27.0	54.4	132.8	53.1	43.5	47.6	23.2	21.7
April .....	24.4	32.0	19.0	26.2	52.7	52.8	31.5	20.9	26.5	9.6
May .....	24.8	5.0	24.8	22.4	32.6	36.6	18.3	38.8	19.3	26.0
June .....	33.1	32.0	27.0	43.3	27.6	70.5	48.4	20.2	29.5	12.4
July .....	31.2	19.7	35.4	26.6	7.5	25.0	31.7	25.0	38.4	23.1
August .....	41.1	11.2	45.5	39.1	10.6	37.0	43.3	42.7	27.1	87.3
September .....	42.5	29.0	34.9	58.6	20.8	30.8	32.6	84.6	36.0	24.3
October .....	41.6	10.0	36.0	62.6	17.6	25.5	96.0	22.6	43.0	25.3
November .....	41.6	113.0	24.0	83.9	16.8	52.7	110.3	41.2	19.1	12.5
December .....	39.4	174.0	32.5	49.8	18.1	70.0	44.0	77.6	20.9	25.0
<u>1960</u> - January .....	231.1	27.2	68.6	615.7	86.4	106.2	85.0	95.5	22.2	12.8
February .....	42.5	12.7	25.0	76.4	47.7	80.2	54.2	71.4	33.9	18.4
March .....	32.8	30.7	29.4	38.1	37.3	35.6	35.0	39.5	29.0	19.6
April .....	36.9	50.5	20.4	63.5	12.9	57.3	130.5	19.6	22.6	18.0
May .....	37.8	113.0	30.5	42.3	52.8	35.9	26.3	70.9	29.9	19.4
June .....	39.7	15.0	23.5	55.3	168.4	22.0	35.2	42.6	33.4	18.0
July .....	45.2	53.8	35.3	49.5	96.7	64.4	46.4	50.7	37.8	25.7
August .....	26.8	9.2	25.5	30.7	7.8	30.2	48.6	25.7	22.1	17.2
September .....	37.8	19.2	31.8	47.2	15.6	57.6	41.3	62.0	30.8	10.1
Nine Months 1958 ...	34.8	149.1	29.2	30.6	54.0	84.1	49.9	45.2	25.2	28.1
Nine Months 1959 ...	32.7	39.9	28.6	38.9	35.3	42.8	36.2	38.6	28.9	26.8
Nine Months 1960 ...	60.3	39.3	32.6	111.8	59.6	54.9	53.9	53.7	28.3	17.8

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

Wage-Earner Failures							Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
<u>1958</u> - July .....	87	1	81	3	1	1	30	27	2	1
August .....	81	2	68	7	4	-	22	19	2	1
September .....	101	-	92	6	-	3	37	31	6	-
October .....	108	-	100	7	1	-	48	39	9	-
November .....	80	-	76	2	2	-	40	35	4	1
December .....	82	-	74	8	-	-	31	26	3	2
<u>1959</u> - January ...	73	-	61	8	3	1	32	23	5	4
February .....	76	-	66	5	2	3	48	40	5	3
March .....	112	1	95	8	2	6	41	32	7	2
April .....	79	1	68	7	3	-	35	32	3	-
May .....	73	1	55	15	2	-	33	27	4	2
June .....	89	-	78	9	1	1	30	25	4	1
July .....	69	2	55	11	1	-	36	29	6	1
August .....	70	1	62	5	1	1	37	32	4	1
September .....	78	1	64	11	1	1	45	41	4	-
October .....	96	1	85	7	3	-	56	47	5	4
November .....	120	1	95	18	6	-	55	44	9	2
December .....	84	1	71	11	1	1	55	47	7	1
<u>1960</u> - January ...	62	-	52	7	1	2	48	38	8	2
February .....	88	-	68	17	3	-	70	55	10	5
March .....	98	-	86	8	4	-	71	61	8	2
April .....	64	3	50	9	1	1	43	37	6	-
May .....	70	1	52	14	1	2	34	28	5	1
June .....	63	1	48	11	-	3	48	41	3	4
July .....	65	2	53	8	1	1	37	36	1	-
August .....	88	1	75	10	-	2	47	38	9	-
September .....	81	1	58	16	2	4	37	26	11	-
Nine Months 1958 .	827	6	733	60	19	9	339	295	28	16
Nine Months 1959 .	719	7	604	79	16	13	337	281	42	14
Nine Months 1960 .	679	9	542	100	13	15	435	360	61	14



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## Commercial Failures

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

During 1960, the total number of business insolvencies recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 2,699 as compared with the revised figure of 2,229 in 1959, an increase of 21.1 per cent. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$148,253,000, an increase of 54.8 per cent over the total for the previous year. Average liability per failure of \$54,929 increased from \$42,973 in 1959.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures occurred in the trade sector with general merchandise, automotive products, clothing, hardware and building materials, furniture and appliances and miscellaneous businesses accounting for the number of insolvencies in this sector increasing by 36.8 per cent from 672 in 1959 to 919 in 1960. Bankruptcies in the manufacturing industry increased from 374 to 546 due largely to an increase in failures in the iron and steel, wood products and miscellaneous industries. Insolvencies in the construction business rose from 449 in 1959 to 604, in transportation from 76 to 107 and in the service field from 307 to 322. Estimated liabilities in the mining industry rose from \$697,000 to \$44,442,000. Liabilities in the construction business increased from \$21,868,000 to \$31,049,000, the trade sector from \$32,172,000 to \$33,846,000 and transportation from \$1,383,000 to \$2,799,000. Manufacturing industries, finance, public utilities and services showed lower liabilities in 1960.

### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 1,561 failures in Quebec in 1960 as compared with 1,366 in the previous year. Total estimated liabilities in Quebec declined from \$50,034,000 to \$47,467,000 with average liability per failure declining from \$36,623 to \$30,409. Bankruptcies in Ontario increased from 658 to 830 and total liabilities from \$34,156,000 to \$86,798,000. Average estimated liabilities per failure increased from \$51,909 to \$98,634 due largely to failures in the mining industry. The number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces increased from 93 to 106 and total liabilities from \$2,836,000 to \$6,007,000. In British Columbia the number of failures was 76 in 1959 as compared with 106 in 1960 and liabilities rose from \$5,429,000 to \$7,071,000. The Atlantic Provinces had 46 bankruptcies in 1960 as compared with 36 recorded for the previous year but liabilities declined from \$2,302,000 to \$1,909,000.

### Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 liability range. In 1960 there were 1,567 defaulting firms in this category, 58 per cent of all failures as compared with 1,158 or 52 per cent of the total for 1959. The number of insolvencies in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 bracket increased from 365 to 447 and in the over \$100,000 size group from 176 to 206.

### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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Table 1 - Commercial Failures by  
Fourth Quarter, and year

	FOURTH QUARTER				
	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
AGRICULTURE .....	-	12	11	2	-
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING .....	-	1	-	-	2
MINING .....	-	-	-	-	-
MANUFACTURES -					
Foods and Beverages .....	-	1	3	1	-
Textiles .....	-	-	1	-	-
Clothing .....	-	8	2	-	-
Wood Products .....	-	14	3	1	-
Paper Products & Printing Trades .....	-	2	1	1	-
Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment .....	1	36	18	6	-
Electrical Apparatus & Non-Ferrous Metals ...	-	5	3	-	-
Chemical Products .....	-	1	1	-	-
Other Industries .....	-	9	3	-	-
Total Manufactures .....	1	76	35	9	-
CONSTRUCTION -					
General Contractors .....	-	32	34	2	3
Special Trade Contractors .....	2	49	31	3	-
Total Construction .....	2	81	65	5	3
TRANSPORTATION, ST. & C. ....	-	18	9	2	3
TRADE -					
Food .....	1	33	10	1	1
General Merchandise .....	-	4	4	1	-
Automotive Products .....	1	7	9	-	-
Filling Stations .....	-	5	7	3	-
Clothing .....	-	32	9	2	1
Shoes .....	-	3	2	1	-
Hardware & Building Materials .....	-	17	21	-	-
Furniture, Appliances & Radios .....	-	26	10	1	1
Fuel .....	-	2	-	-	-
Drugs .....	-	2	1	-	-
Jewellery .....	-	2	2	-	-
Other Trades .....	1	34	18	1	2
Total Trade .....	3	167	93	10	5
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES .....	1	12	6	-	1
SERVICE -					
Community Service .....	-	4	2	-	-
Recreational Service .....	-	3	3	-	-
Business Service .....	-	7	3	-	-
Personal Service .....	-	49	19	-	-
Total Service .....	-	63	27	-	-
NOT CLASSIFIED .....	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	7	430	246	28	14

Economic Areas and Industries

1960 with Comparisons

Total Fourth Quarter				THE YEAR			
Number		Liabilities		T o t a l			
1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000
16	25	888	589	62	74	1,715	1,502
1	3	39	94	11	3	544	94
1	-	30	-	8	5	697	44,442
8	5	198	157	27	34	750	1,823
1	1	60	32	5	3	532	130
16	10	1,374	618	54	45	3,461	1,731
16	18	819	528	59	75	2,365	4,600
6	4	1,663	97	28	32	2,419	890
38	61	2,017	1,849	130	183	7,854	8,852
6	8	2,677	202	39	29	4,487	881
2	2	123	26	3	6	143	176
7	12	527	1,025	29	49	1,125	3,511
100	121	9,458	4,534	374	456	23,136	22,604
61	71	3,443	4,552	177	262	11,272	18,581
85	85	5,351	2,433	272	342	10,596	12,468
146	156	8,794	6,985	449	604	21,868	31,049
20	32	371	481	76	107	1,388	2,799
43	46	748	1,142	186	171	4,967	3,332
9	9	188	368	29	54	827	1,560
22	17	1,907	534	85	108	7,959	5,363
28	15	296	204	63	63	854	660
36	44	1,233	678	124	143	2,721	2,908
2	6	72	153	21	20	582	338
26	38	550	1,143	88	135	3,827	5,742
37	38	2,533	5,994	111	136	5,714	8,694
2	2	92	255	14	13	547	432
5	3	277	74	10	13	393	241
6	4	128	58	29	29	742	914
38	56	672	919	146	181	3,039	3,662
254	278	8,694	11,522	906	1,066	32,172	33,846
7	20	238	2,503	36	61	5,426	5,244
7	6	174	201	19	22	330	418
5	6	371	315	13	14	852	532
12	10	229	605	35	47	2,593	1,174
67	68	1,217	1,409	240	239	5,065	4,544
91	90	1,991	2,530	307	322	8,840	6,668
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
636	725	30,503	29,238	2,229	2,699	95,786	148,253



Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures				Construction	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products		Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
<b>1959</b>										
January.....	182	6,724	7	151	30	1,535	4	33	9	825
February.....	201	8,695	4	35	40	3,547	10	255	16	2,951
March.....	178	8,128	5	128	38	1,927	2	45	14	356
April.....	187	5,355	4	39	31	1,009	7	134	7	109
May.....	142	5,241	6	78	21	556	3	44	8	259
June.....	159	7,047	4	199	23	1,120	3	111	9	137
July.....	158	6,167	4	68	31	1,274	2	354	11	143
August.....	161	7,357	4	50	27	1,437	3	51	10	716
September.....	225	10,368	8	50	33	1,273	9	520	8	341
October.....	205	9,953	5	99	30	2,929	7	225	11	747
November.....	236	11,241	7	724	44	5,292	3	61	16	845
December.....	195	9,310	4	64	26	1,237	6	532	11	425
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
January.....	237	54,763	4	33	44	3,740	5	1,414	19	1,112
February.....	227	9,655	12	173	48	2,602	6	827	20	835
March.....	288	9,453	7	155	59	3,524	8	173	17	277
April.....	204	7,529	3	74	27	999	8	255	10	2,665
May.....	215	8,138	4	149	38	844	4	144	13	213
June.....	191	7,576	7	100	24	24	4	144	9	486
July.....	175	7,916	4	81	26	1,207	6	282	10	315
August.....	231	6,188	4	55	33	1,603	7	255	15	948
September.....	206	7,796	4	93	36	1,488	7	444	9	162
October.....	241	8,387	8	214	33	1,764	4	132	17	432
November.....	274	12,946	9	254	52	2,104	7	238	25	1,170
December.....	210	7,906	8	121	36	666	7	158	19	247
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
Twelve months 1959 .....	2,229	95,786	62	1,715	374	23,136	59	2,365	130	7,854
									449	21,868
Twelve months 1960 .....	2,699	148,253	74	1,502	456	22,604	75	4,600	183	8,862
									604	31,049
<b>1960</b>										
January.....	237	54,763	4	33	44	3,740	5	1,414	19	1,112
February.....	227	9,655	12	173	48	2,602	6	827	20	835
March.....	288	9,453	7	155	59	3,524	8	173	17	277
April.....	204	7,529	3	74	27	999	8	255	10	2,665
May.....	215	8,138	4	149	38	844	4	144	13	213
June.....	191	7,576	7	100	24	24	4	144	9	486
July.....	175	7,916	4	81	26	1,207	6	282	10	315
August.....	231	6,188	4	55	33	1,603	7	255	15	948
September.....	206	7,796	4	93	36	1,488	7	444	9	162
October.....	241	8,387	8	214	33	1,764	4	132	17	432
November.....	274	12,946	9	254	52	2,104	7	238	25	1,170
December.....	210	7,906	8	121	36	666	7	158	19	247
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
Twelve months 1959 .....	2,229	95,786	62	1,715	374	23,136	59	2,365	130	7,854
									449	21,868
Twelve months 1960 .....	2,699	148,253	74	1,502	456	22,604	75	4,600	183	8,862
									604	31,049

Table 2 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Transportation St. & C.			T r a d e						Service			
Number	Liab.		Total		Food		Clothing		Furniture, Appliances and Radios		Number	Liab.
			Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
\$'000												
1959												
January .....	10	126	77	3,131	14	380	19	230	11	271	18	392
February .....	2	49	86	3,227	22	563	10	183	10	346	27	436
March .....	2	116	67	2,210	10	153	18	403	4	118	25	555
April .....	8	81	76	2,237	20	473	4	91	12	698	22	397
May .....	9	298	63	1,575	13	178	8	104	10	283	9	316
June .....	4	40	71	2,567	24	1,095	3	20	9	319	29	484
July .....	3	24	68	3,375	13	591	6	99	7	293	19	451
August .....	8	91	65	2,157	14	390	10	183	6	575	28	2,446
September .....	10	192	79	3,000	13	396	10	176	5	278	39	1,371
October .....	7	123	85	4,108	15	231	12	423	14	1,998	29	733
November .....	6	45	95	2,501	15	290	13	581	14	368	33	465
December .....	7	203	74	2,085	13	227	11	228	9	147	29	794
\$'000												
1960												
January .....	6	294	112	2,486	11	175	18	294	11	354	19	243
February .....	9	93	76	2,579	13	180	6	145	13	316	29	535
March .....	15	723	104	3,016	18	341	19	530	17	563	31	609
April .....	12	343	96	2,173	19	391	14	246	8	223	23	413
May .....	5	139	86	2,575	11	255	8	278	14	415	29	562
June .....	7	102	66	2,208	10	133	12	268	6	80	23	414
July .....	4	84	73	2,756	14	254	6	148	9	217	19	488
August .....	7	404	99	2,188	17	222	6	134	14	434	39	672
September .....	10	136	76	2,343	12	238	10	187	6	118	20	202
October .....	10	103	95	2,318	18	346	14	282	9	271	34	716
November .....	12	121	97	6,452	16	533	11	152	15	4,622	40	1,194
December .....	10	257	86	2,752	12	264	19	244	14	1,102	16	620
Twelve Months 1959 .....	76	1,388	906	32,173	186	4,967	124	2,721	111	5,714	307	8,840
Twelve Months 1960 .....	107	2,799	1,066	33,846	171	3,332	143	2,908	136	8,694	322	6,668

Table 3 - Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1959 - January.....	6	567	108	3,742	57	2,161	1	24	2	48
February .....	4	227	118	5,195	58	2,563	4	109	1	45
March .....	2	76	114	4,001	46	2,719	2	19	3	875
April .....	3	165	114	2,509	53	1,716	1	97	3	21
May .....	2	34	82	2,546	46	1,184	2	47	1	128
June .....	1	22	92	2,850	54	3,778	5	183	1	8
July .....	3	88	87	3,950	62	1,963	-	-	1	7
August .....	3	52	105	5,185	39	1,714	2	32	1	9
September .....	5	155	125	5,037	80	4,938	2	82	3	49
October .....	2	47	131	5,681	55	3,869	2	33	3	66
November .....	3	394	162	5,373	64	5,218	2	48	1	12
December .....	2	475	128	3,965	44	2,333	3	55	-	-
1960 - January .....	8	218	139	9,540	70	43,100	2	33	2	249
February .....	3	38	141	3,529	63	4,812	3	291	1	25
March .....	7	215	165	4,860	91	3,470	3	159	5	209
April .....	6	303	114	2,327	64	4,062	1	25	3	20
May .....	4	452	110	3,356	76	3,213	4	328	4	196
June .....	1	15	103	2,417	75	4,148	2	768	2	62
July .....	4	215	102	3,604	47	2,325	3	973	5	75
August .....	4	37	143	3,645	75	2,301	2	15	-	-
September .....	2	39	114	3,627	73	3,445	2	18	2	32
October .....	2	45	136	2,772	88	4,932	4	328	1	16
November .....	3	266	169	4,235	92	7,642	3	114	1	13
December .....	2	66	125	3,557	66	3,348	3	52	2	23
Twelve months 1959 .....	36	2,302	1,366	50,034	658	34,156	26	729	20	1,268
Twelve months 1960 .....	46	1,909	1,561	47,469	880	86,798	32	3,104	28	920

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1959 - January.....	4	45	4	137	182	6,724	19	616	65	2,528
February .....	8	148	8	409	201	8,695	28	1,259	65	4,021
March .....	1	4	10	434	178	8,128	16	1,932	57	2,204
April .....	8	554	5	293	187	5,355	19	910	53	1,224
May .....	2	636	7	666	142	5,241	10	326	38	986
June .....	4	65	2	141	159	7,047	20	1,949	49	1,628
July .....	1	8	4	151	158	6,167	22	836	41	2,179
August .....	4	74	7	292	161	7,357	16	620	46	3,079
September .....	5	91	5	215	225	10,568	30	2,199	55	2,967
October .....	6	101	6	157	205	9,953	22	2,983	62	2,055
November .....	1	33	3	162	236	11,241	25	3,164	81	3,495
December .....	3	110	15	2,372	195	9,310	22	1,806	71	1,986
1960 - January .....	7	668	9	956	237	54,763	29	41,002	73	7,998
February .....	6	161	10	802	227	9,656	28	2,890	65	1,868
March .....	3	42	14	498	288	9,453	35	2,042	86	2,844
April .....	3	45	13	745	204	7,529	18	760	48	942
May .....	5	162	12	431	215	8,138	28	1,057	47	1,709
June .....	1	12	7	154	191	7,576	24	1,495	57	1,304
July .....	3	16	11	708	175	7,916	14	825	59	2,124
August .....	1	8	6	181	231	6,188	19	681	69	2,053
September .....	3	59	10	576	206	7,796	23	1,485	56	1,070
October .....	6	138	4	155	241	8,387	30	2,950	70	1,549
November .....	3	627	3	49	274	12,946	32	6,090	105	3,060
December .....	5	45	7	816	210	7,906	26	2,279	69	2,449
Twelve Month 1959 .....	47	1,869	76	5,429	2,229	95,786	249	18,600	683	28,350
Twelve Month 1960 .....	46	1,983	106	7,071	2,699	148,253	306	63,555	804	28,969

Table 4 - Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1959					1960				
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	14	13	9	9	45	15	6	8	8	37
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	60	31	42	45	178	71	48	49	70	238
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	17	15	20	11	63	26	17	14	24	81
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	9	10	12	16	47	17	8	13	13	51
Over \$100,000 .....	8	6	8	19	41	22	10	11	6	49
Total .....	108	75	91	100	374	151	89	95	121	456
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	17	12	8	16	53	14	12	12	10	48
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	61	47	46	65	219	80	82	78	92	332
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	17	13	19	36	85	32	24	22	18	96
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	6	10	17	13	46	11	13	17	19	60
Over \$100,000 .....	8	5	17	16	46	23	12	16	17	68
Total .....	109	87	107	146	449	160	143	145	156	604
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	29	25	27	31	112	32	20	18	21	91
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	126	118	109	140	493	170	153	152	178	653
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	37	36	41	50	164	53	42	45	44	184
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	20	19	19	17	75	20	20	19	19	78
Over \$100,000 .....	18	12	16	16	62	17	13	14	16	60
Total .....	230	210	212	254	906	292	248	248	278	1,066
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	15	17	27	78	11	14	12	15	52
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	39	31	50	46	166	48	45	50	49	192
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	5	8	6	12	31	16	9	8	14	47
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	5	4	10	3	22	4	5	8	5	22
Over \$100,000 .....	2	2	3	3	10	-	2	-	7	9
Total .....	70	60	86	91	307	79	75	78	90	322
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	85	73	69	92	319	78	54	55	60	247
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	311	252	277	318	1,158	414	362	356	435	1,567
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	80	76	92	117	365	138	99	95	115	447
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	45	54	62	54	215	54	53	63	62	232
Over \$100,000 .....	40	33	44	55	172	68	42	43	53	206
Total .....	561	488	544	636	2,229	752	610	612	725	2,699
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	65	54	48	77	244	54	38	40	51	183
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	201	152	163	213	729	272	207	220	274	973
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	37	41	53	72	203	68	47	48	55	218
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	17	28	29	32	106	27	20	35	32	114
Over \$100,000 .....	20	13	24	27	84	24	15	16	18	73
Total .....	340	288	317	421	1,366	445	327	359	430	1,561
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	16	19	12	63	16	14	10	8	48
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 .....	81	80	89	82	332	105	121	107	133	466
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 .....	32	29	28	35	124	53	39	33	51	176
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	19	15	26	16	76	17	22	24	26	89
Over \$100,000 .....	13	13	19	18	63	33	19	21	28	101
Total .....	161	153	181	163	658	224	215	195	246	880

Table 5 - Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1959 - January .....	36.9	94.5	34.6	37.9	16.7	34.2	51.2	23.5	40.7	21.8
February .....	43.3	56.8	44.0	44.2	23.2	51.1	88.7	29.2	37.5	16.1
March .....	45.7	38.0	35.1	59.1	149.7	43.4	50.7	50.0	33.0	22.2
April .....	28.6	55.0	22.0	32.4	56.0	58.6	32.5	23.0	29.4	18.1
May .....	36.9	17.0	31.0	25.7	162.2	95.1	26.5	59.0	25.0	35.2
June .....	44.3	22.0	31.0	70.0	25.6	70.5	48.7	19.8	36.2	16.7
July .....	39.0	29.3	45.4	31.7	7.5	37.8	41.1	28.5	49.6	23.7
August .....	45.7	17.3	49.4	43.9	16.4	41.7	53.2	43.7	33.2	87.4
September .....	47.0	31.0	40.3	61.7	22.2	43.0	38.6	87.1	38.0	35.2
October .....	48.6	23.5	43.4	70.3	18.2	26.2	97.6	40.0	48.3	25.3
November .....	47.6	131.3	33.2	81.5	23.2	54.0	120.3	44.1	26.3	14.1
December .....	47.7	237.5	31.0	53.0	27.5	158.1	47.6	94.2	29.2	27.4
1960 - January .....	231.1	27.2	68.6	615.7	86.4	106.2	85.0	95.5	22.2	12.8
February .....	42.5	12.7	25.0	76.4	47.7	80.2	54.2	71.4	33.9	18.4
March .....	32.8	30.7	29.5	38.1	37.3	35.6	35.0	39.5	29.0	19.6
April .....	36.9	50.5	20.4	63.5	12.9	57.3	130.6	19.6	22.6	18.0
May .....	37.9	113.0	30.5	42.3	52.8	35.9	26.3	70.9	29.9	19.4
June .....	39.7	15.0	23.5	55.3	168.4	22.0	35.2	42.6	33.5	18.0
July .....	45.2	53.8	35.3	49.5	96.7	64.4	46.4	50.7	37.8	25.7
August .....	26.8	9.2	25.5	30.7	7.7	30.2	48.6	25.7	22.1	17.2
September .....	37.8	19.5	31.8	47.2	15.6	57.6	41.3	62.0	30.8	10.1
October .....	34.8	22.5	20.4	56.0	43.8	38.8	53.5	47.8	24.4	21.1
November .....	47.2	88.7	25.1	83.1	107.7	16.3	40.5	35.9	66.5	29.9
December .....	37.6	33.0	28.5	50.7	12.0	116.6	18.5	51.5	32.0	38.8
Twelve Months 1959 .....	43.0	63.9	36.6	51.9	41.6	71.4	61.9	48.7	35.5	28.8
Twelve Months 1960 .....	54.9	41.5	30.4	98.6	56.7	66.7	49.6	51.4	31.8	20.7

Table 6 - Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage - Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1959 - January .....	73	-	60	9	3	1	32	23	5	4
February .....	70	-	61	5	1	3	48	40	5	3
March .....	104	1	90	8	2	3	41	32	7	2
April .....	70	-	63	6	1	-	35	32	3	-
May .....	70	-	55	13	2	-	33	27	4	2
June .....	82	-	74	7	-	1	30	25	4	1
July .....	65	2	53	9	1	-	36	29	6	1
August .....	61	1	53	5	1	1	37	32	4	1
September .....	77	1	65	9	1	1	45	41	4	-
October .....	86	1	76	6	3	-	56	47	5	4
November .....	111	1	89	15	6	-	55	44	9	2
December .....	82	1	70	10	1	-	55	47	7	1
1960 - January .....	62	-	52	7	1	2	48	38	8	2
February .....	87	-	67	17	3	-	70	55	10	5
March .....	98	-	86	8	4	-	71	61	8	2
April .....	64	3	50	9	1	1	43	37	6	-
May .....	70	1	52	14	1	2	33	27	5	1
June .....	63	1	48	11	-	3	48	41	3	4
July .....	65	2	53	8	1	1	37	36	1	-
August .....	88	1	75	10	-	2	47	38	9	-
September .....	81	1	58	16	2	4	37	26	11	-
October .....	74	-	64	6	4	-	45	31	12	2
November .....	77	-	55	19	1	2	40	32	7	1
December .....	73	-	49	22	1	1	58	47	7	4
Twelve Months 1959 .....	951	8	809	102	22	10	503	419	63	21
Twelve Months 1960 .....	902	9	709	147	19	18	577	469	87	21





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Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures occurred in the trade sector with 335 recorded in this industry as compared with 326 for the first quarter of the previous year. Insolvencies of food stores increased from 43 to 63, apparel, and hardware stores increased slightly and miscellaneous trade stores decreased from 61 to 45. Bankruptcies in the manufacturing industries decreased from 109 to 74 and the construction industry decreased from 161 to 141. Bankruptcies in the service sector increased from 90 to 117. Liabilities in all groups declined in the first quarter comparison.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 420 bankruptcies in Quebec during the first quarter of 1961 in comparison with 450 recorded in 1960. Estimated liabilities decreased from \$20,258,000 in 1960 to \$11,724,000 in 1961 and the average liabilities from \$45,000 to \$28,000. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 223 to 238 but liabilities decreased sharply from \$52,219,000 to \$11,075,000 with average liabilities per failure decreasing from \$234,000 in 1960 to \$46,500 in 1961. The number of failures in the Prairie Provinces decreased slightly and the liabilities declined from \$2,068,000 to \$1,055,000 with average liabilities decreasing from \$66,700 to \$10,600. Failures in British Columbia remained the same but average liabilities declined from \$92,500 to \$18,900.

Failures by size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 liability range. Failures in the \$100,000 and over bracket decreased from 87 to 45.

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First Quarter, 1961 With Comparative Figures for 1960

No.		First Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	1	-	18	10	4	4
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	6	5	4	2
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	-	3	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	15	11	4	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	1	8	12	7	4
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	9	5	5	2
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	10	3	1	4
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	1	1	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	2	2	3	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	-	1	3
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	2	2	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	10	5	4	3
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	1	63	46	36	21
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	1	26	17	32	34
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	2	50	49	36	24
17	Total construction industries .....	3	3	76	66	68	58
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	19	20	5	9
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	2	1	31	45	7	17
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	9	7	2	4
21	Automotive products .....	2	1	50	34	20	21
22	Apparel and shoes .....	5	-	32	34	16	22
23	Hardware .....	2	1	14	13	8	18
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	1	22	23	17	18
25	Drugs .....	-	-	3	-	-	2
26	Other trades .....	1	-	34	29	20	12
27	Total trade .....	13	4	195	185	90	114
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	9	8	2	2
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	5	2	1	1
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	2	2	-	2
31	Business services .....	-	-	12	17	7	5
32	Personal services .....	1	-	45	54	8	16
33	Other services .....	-	-	6	10	2	6
34	Total services .....	1	-	70	85	18	30
35	Totals .....	18	9	450	420	223	238

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First Quarter 1961, With Comparative Figures for 1960

First Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	
						\$' 000	\$' 000	
3	1	1	-	27	15	44,298	733	1
1	-	-	1	11	8	762	273	2
-	-	-	-	3	-	201	-	3
-	-	-	-	19	12	767	543	4
1	-	2	5	18	22	2,299	1,434	5
-	-	-	-	14	7	1,005	151	6
1	-	1	-	13	7	429	1,013	7
-	-	1	-	2	1	106	115	8
1	-	-	-	6	2	733	70	9
-	-	1	-	4	3	182	54	10
-	-	-	-	3	3	187	1,253	11
-	-	-	-	1	1	5	2	12
1	-	-	-	15	8	1,063	142	13
5	-	5	6	109	74	7,739	5,050	14
5	5	3	-	67	57	4,328	2,642	15
1	4	5	5	94	84	7,412	2,602	16
6	9	8	5	161	141	11,740	5,244	17
4	1	3	2	31	33	1,124	751	18
2	-	1	-	43	63	867	1,621	19
1	-	1	1	13	12	267	476	20
3	10	4	3	79	69	2,271	1,408	21
2	-	-	5	55	61	1,849	3,217	22
2	2	3	6	29	40	1,774	2,797	23
1	-	2	-	43	42	1,268	1,135	24
-	-	-	1	3	3	82	360	25
1	3	5	1	61	45	2,147	1,296	26
12	15	16	17	326	335	10,525	12,310	27
1	-	2	4	14	14	1,119	1,014	28
-	-	-	-	6	3	124	25	29
-	-	-	-	2	4	10	149	30
-	-	-	-	19	22	589	570	31
-	-	1	2	55	72	1,123	1,013	32
-	-	-	-	8	16	104	140	33
-	-	1	2	90	117	1,950	1,897	34
31	26	36	36	758	729	78,495	26,999	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade			Service			
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes	Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		
		\$'000	\$'000	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	\$'000
1960-January.....	7	300								\$'000
February.....	9	97	4,096	12	324	23	1,002	13	381	20
March.....	15	727	3,180	13	200	8	214	13	337	31
			3,249	18	343	24	633	17	550	39
April.....	12	359	2,780	20	439	16	281	8	268	24
May.....	5	338	3,860	11	255	12	579	14	410	31
June.....	8	100	2,610	10	139	13	275	6	81	1,035
July.....	5	148	2,972	14	254	8	173	9	220	431
August.....	7	404	2,376	16	217	8	142	14	434	31
September.....	12	170	2,751	13	245	10	187	7	143	1,035
October.....	10	103	2,639	18	346	17	356	11	287	831
November.....	12	121	6,737	16	533	15	251	16	4,627	488
December.....	10	258	3,256	12	567	18	231	14	1,102	673
										307
										716
										1,204
										635
1961-January.....	7	203	6,374	22	409	31	2,779	8	167	43
February.....	10	131	3,283	22	606	13	246	20	578	504
March.....	16	417	2,653	19	606	17	192	14	390	406
April.....										987
May.....										
June.....										
July.....										
August.....										
September.....										
October.....										
November.....										
December.....										
Three months 1960 .....	31	1,124	10,525	43	867	55	1,849	43	1,268	90
Three months 1961 .....	33	751	12,310	63	1,621	61	3,217	42	1,135	1,950
										1,897



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1960-January.....	9	358	142	10,261	71	43,277	2	33	2	250
February.....	3	54	143	4,219	63	5,222	3	385	1	25
March.....	6	207	165	5,778	89	3,720	3	159	5	212
April.....	8	470	114	2,785	64	4,325	1	26	3	21
May.....	6	524	110	4,203	76	3,267	4	528	4	298
June.....	1	15	105	3,427	78	4,671	2	768	2	62
July.....	4	215	102	3,630	47	2,318	3	973	5	75
August.....	4	37	142	3,716	75	2,301	2	15	-	-
September.....	2	39	122	4,028	73	3,445	3	82	2	32
October.....	2	45	136	2,782	88	5,000	4	329	1	16
November.....	3	266	169	4,237	92	7,602	3	114	1	13
December.....	2	66	125	3,566	66	3,648	3	52	2	23
1961-January.....	-	-	148	5,278	85	3,499	4	307	-	-
February.....	4	49	152	3,665	65	4,116	5	115	4	51
March.....	5	254	120	2,781	88	3,460	2	131	2	49
April.....										
May.....										
June.....										
July.....										
August.....										
September.....										
October.....										
November.....										
December.....										
Three months 1960.....	18	619	450	20,258	223	52,219	8	577	8	487
Three months 1961.....	9	303	420	11,724	238	11,075	11	553	6	100

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1960-January.....	6	785	10	1,113	242	56,077	30	41,050	76	8,572
February.....	6	175	11	1,636	230	11,715	28	2,867	69	2,182
March.....	3	45	15	582	286	10,703	34	2,037	89	3,427
April.....	4	57	13	893	207	8,577	18	760	54	1,407
May.....	3	155	15	1,798	218	10,773	27	1,031	49	1,998
June.....	2	19	5	398	195	9,360	22	1,441	57	1,983
July.....	3	16	11	708	175	7,935	14	825	58	1,853
August.....	1	9	6	181	230	6,259	19	681	71	2,146
September.....	3	93	10	577	215	8,296	23	1,485	60	1,339
October.....	5	123	5	170	241	8,465	30	2,950	66	1,417
November.....	3	627	3	49	274	12,908	32	6,090	105	3,060
December.....	5	44	7	816	210	8,215	26	2,279	69	2,467
1961-January.....	3	260	12	1,821	252	11,165	31	2,116	87	3,694
February.....	2	73	14	573	246	8,642	26	2,022	75	2,470
March.....	4	69	10	448	231	7,192	34	932	66	1,493
April.....										
May.....										
June.....										
July.....										
August.....										
September.....										
October.....										
November.....										
December.....										
Three months 1960.....	15	1,004	36	3,331	758	78,495	92	45,954	234	14,181
Three months 1961.....	9	402	36	2,842	729	26,999	91	5,070	228	7,657

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1960					1961				
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	9	2	3	2	16	4				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	40	35	35	27	137	36				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	21	13	11	18	63	19				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	18	9	7	12	46	7				
Over \$100,000 .....	21	12	12	6	51	8				
Totals .....	109	71	68	65	313	74				
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	14	13	9	51	10				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	71	72	77	94	314	80				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	35	26	24	18	103	28				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	9	18	15	18	60	13				
Over \$100,000 .....	31	15	16	17	79	10				
Totals .....	161	145	145	156	607	141				
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	38	22	20	26	106	39				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	179	156	166	216	717	196				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	65	52	54	51	222	57				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	16	23	19	78	24				
Over \$100,000 .....	24	21	14	17	76	19				
Totals .....	326	267	277	329	1,199	335				
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	14	15	12	14	55	21				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	47	33	53	58	191	80				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	21	10	8	12	51	8				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	6	14	8	5	33	7				
Over \$100,000 .....	2	7	-	7	16	1				
Totals .....	90	79	81	96	346	117				
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	82	55	53	57	247	84				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	380	323	360	441	1,504	421				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	153	110	103	114	480	122				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	56	70	60	59	245	57				
Over \$100,000 .....	87	62	44	54	247	45				
Totals .....	758	620	620	725	2,723	729				
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	57	38	38	48	181	63				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	248	187	224	278	937	257				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	81	57	54	56	248	58				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	32	23	33	30	118	28				
Over \$100,000 .....	32	24	17	18	91	14				
Totals .....	450	329	366	430	1,575	420				
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	17	10	8	53	18				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	98	114	107	135	454	133				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	53	40	36	49	178	47				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	26	21	25	88	21				
Over \$100,000 .....	38	21	21	29	109	19				
Totals .....	223	218	195	246	882	238				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
thousand dollars										
1960-January.....	231.7	39.8	72.3	609.5	106.7	111.3	102.4	99.4	31.7	19.0
February.....	50.9	17.8	29.5	82.9	58.5	148.7	71.4	80.0	37.9	19.7
March.....	37.4	34.5	35.0	41.8	37.8	38.8	49.4	47.5	28.8	24.6
April.....	41.4	58.8	24.4	67.6	13.0	68.7	172.2	24.2	26.7	18.0
May.....	49.4	87.3	38.2	43.0	89.3	119.9	36.8	71.8	40.2	33.4
June.....	48.0	15.0	32.6	59.9	141.5	79.6	51.7	52.5	39.0	34.6
July.....	45.3	53.8	35.6	49.3	96.7	64.4	57.3	50.3	36.7	25.7
August.....	27.2	9.2	26.2	30.7	8.0	30.2	64.5	25.7	22.0	17.3
September.....	38.6	19.0	33.0	47.2	25.9	57.7	49.5	62.6	31.3	13.3
October.....	35.1	22.5	20.5	56.8	46.8	34.0	89.3	47.9	23.8	21.1
November.....	44.2	88.7	25.1	82.6	107.9	16.0	61.2	35.8	58.1	27.4
December.....	39.1	33.0	28.5	55.3	11.9	116.6	25.8	51.5	31.9	35.3
1961-January.....	44.3	-	35.7	41.2	81.0	151.8	59.1	38.9	51.4	11.7
February.....	35.1	12.2	24.1	63.3	21.7	40.9	111.0	35.7	28.5	11.0
March.....	31.1	50.8	23.2	39.3	31.1	44.8	33.1	37.2	27.6	26.7
April.....										
May.....										
June.....										
July.....										
August.....										
September.....										
October.....										
November.....										
December.....										
Three months 1960.....	103.6	34.4	45.0	234.2	66.7	92.5	71.0	72.9	32.3	21.7
Three months 1961.....	37.0	33.7	27.9	46.5	40.6	78.9	68.2	37.2	36.7	16.2

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1960-January.....	60	-	52	6	1	1	48	38	8	2
February.....	88	-	67	18	3	-	70	55	10	5
March.....	94	-	83	8	3	-	72	61	9	2
April.....	64	2	51	9	1	1	43	37	6	-
May.....	69	-	52	14	1	2	33	27	5	1
June.....	61	-	47	11	-	3	48	41	3	4
July.....	65	2	53	8	1	1	37	36	1	-
August.....	88	1	75	10	-	2	47	38	9	-
September.....	86	1	63	16	2	4	37	26	11	-
October.....	74	-	64	6	4	-	45	31	12	2
November.....	66	-	54	19	1	2	40	32	7	1
December.....	73	-	49	22	1	1	58	47	7	4
1961-January.....	62	-	45	12	4	1	60	54	6	-
February.....	91	-	68	21	1	1	73	56	13	4
March.....	79	-	65	10	2	2	70	53	12	5
April.....										
May.....										
June.....										
July.....										
August.....										
September.....										
October.....										
November.....										
December.....										
Three months 1960..	242	-	202	32	7	1	190	154	27	9
Three months 1961..	232	-	178	43	7	4	203	163	31	9



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Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures occurred in the trade sector with 321 recorded in this industry as compared with 267 for the second quarter of 1960. Insolvencies of food stores rose from 41 to 49, automotive products from 51 to 73 and furniture and appliances from 28 to 48. Insolvencies of construction establishments numbered 111 in comparison with 145 for the same period of 1960. The number of bankruptcies in the manufacturing industry increased from 71 to 76 and in the service sector from 79 to 102.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 359 bankruptcies in Quebec during the second quarter of 1961 in comparison with 329 recorded in 1960. Estimated liabilities increased from \$10,415,000 in 1960 to \$10,455,000 in 1961 and the average liabilities decreased from \$31,700 to \$29,100. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 218 to 257 but liabilities decreased from \$12,263,000 to \$10,514,000 with average liabilities per failure decreasing from \$56,200 in 1960 to \$40,900 in 1961. The number of bankruptcies in the Prairie Provinces was unchanged in the second quarter of 1961 and liabilities declined from \$1,935,000 in 1960 to \$771,000 in 1961 with average liabilities per failure decreasing from \$77,400 in 1960 to \$30,800 in 1961. Failures in British Columbia decreased sharply from 33 to 14 with average liabilities declining from \$103,000 to \$29,700.

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Second Quarter, 1961 With Comparative Figures for 1960

No.		Second Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	2	1	8	14	8	4
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	5	10	4	4
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	5	8	1	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	8	9	7	6
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	3	4	4	2
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	5	7	7	5
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	3	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	1	1	2
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	-	1	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	2	-	2
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	2	4	3	3
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	33	46	31	27
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	2	2	38	21	29	16
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	2	37	32	25	31
17	Total construction industries .....	2	4	75	53	54	47
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	14	15	9	9
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	3	1	30	26	7	19
20	General merchandise .....	2	1	8	7	3	5
21	Automotive products .....	3	1	24	34	18	32
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	1	22	21	15	20
23	Hardware .....	1	3	15	16	19	11
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	14	25	13	19
25	Drugs .....	-	-	2	2	2	-
26	Other trades .....	-	-	29	33	13	23
27	Total trade .....	9	8	144	164	90	129
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	-	4	9	6	3
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	6	5	1	1
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	1	1	-	-
31	Business services .....	-	-	8	8	2	7
32	Personal services .....	1	-	34	39	16	26
33	Other services .....	-	-	2	5	1	4
34	Total services .....	1	-	51	58	20	38
35	Totals .....	15	14	329	359	218	257



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter 1961 With Comparative Figures for 1960

Second Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	
						\$' 000	\$' 000	
1	1	1	1	20	21	2,307	689	1
1	-	2	-	12	14	850	433	2
-	-	-	-	1	-	32	-	3
-	-	-	-	6	9	272	343	4
1	1	2	2	18	18	929	832	5
-	-	1	-	8	6	126	107	6
-	-	-	-	12	12	3,142	236	7
-	-	-	-	3	1	150	20	8
-	-	-	-	1	3	20	203	9
-	-	-	-	3	-	162	-	10
-	-	-	-	1	4	6	217	11
-	-	-	-	1	2	34	583	12
-	-	-	-	5	7	75	195	13
2	1	5	2	71	76	5,798	3,169	14
3	5	4	1	76	45	5,696	2,046	15
3	-	4	1	69	66	1,899	2,398	16
6	5	8	2	145	111	7,595	4,444	17
1	-	1	1	25	26	797	1,460	18
1	1	-	2	41	49	833	1,237	19
-	1	2	-	15	14	594	832	20
5	5	1	1	51	73	1,860	1,538	21
2	2	2	1	41	45	1,135	809	22
3	1	3	1	41	32	2,583	1,605	23
-	2	1	1	28	48	759	1,935	24
-	-	1	-	5	2	90	47	25
1	1	2	1	45	58	1,396	1,957	26
12	13	12	7	267	321	9,250	9,960	27
-	-	2	-	13	12	668	1,517	28
-	-	1	-	8	6	103	48	29
-	-	-	-	1	1	5	20	30
-	1	1	-	11	16	551	254	31
3	4	1	1	55	70	1,611	1,686	32
-	-	1	-	4	9	26	66	33
3	5	4	1	79	102	2,296	2,074	34
25	25	33	14	620	669	28,711	23,313	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries						Construction			
	Number		Liab.	Number		Liab.	Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment	
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1960-January...	242	56,077		7	43,580		29	2,971	6	1,118	4	154	-	-	3	207
February...	230	11,715		14	601		37	2,644	6	916	8	260	-	-	3	526
March....	286	10,703		6	117		43	2,124	6	265	1	15	2	106	-	-
April.....	207	8,577		5	162		21	3,617	6	228	6	2,735	-	-	-	-
May.....	218	10,773		6	790		27	993	8	280	1	45	1	36	1	20
June.....	195	9,360		9	1,354		23	1,188	4	420	5	362	2	114	-	-
July.....	175	7,935		4	81		18	1,031	4	106	3	180	-	-	-	-
August....	230	6,259		4	55		23	1,484	7	325	4	738	-	-	1	17
September..	215	8,296		5	165		27	1,337	5	154	3	323	-	-	-	-
October...	241	8,465		11	308		17	1,518	4	132	3	565	-	-	1	176
November..	274	12,908		9	254		29	1,775	7	238	3	253	1	609	1	8
December..	210	8,215		7	86		19	490	7	158	2	30	1	36	-	-
1961-January...	254	11,174		3	375		28	1,656	13	1,116	1	25	-	-	-	-
February...	246	8,660		7	75		24	2,665	6	155	3	919	-	-	1	20
March....	257	7,636		7	310		28	830	6	213	3	69	1	115	1	50
April.....	192	8,258		7	379		16	837	2	354	2	48	-	-	1	102
May.....	258	8,709		7	120		31	895	5	114	6	125	1	20	2	102
June.....	219	6,346		7	190		29	1,437	11	364	4	63	-	-	-	-
July.....																
August....																
September..																
October...																
November..																
December..																
Six Months 1960	1,378	107,205		47	46,604		180	13,537	36	3,227	25	3,571	5	256	7	753
Six Months 1961	1,426	50,783		38	1,449		156	8,320	43	2,316	19	1,249	2	135	5	274
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TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service	
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1960-January.....	7	300	4,096	12	324	23	1,002	13	381	20	380
February.....	9	97	3,180	13	200	8	214	13	337	31	612
March.....	15	727	3,249	18	343	24	633	17	550	39	958
April.....	12	359	2,780	20	439	16	281	8	268	24	431
May.....	5	338	3,860	11	255	12	579	14	410	31	1,035
June.....	8	100	2,610	10	139	13	275	6	81	24	831
July.....	5	148	2,972	14	254	8	173	9	220	19	488
August.....	7	404	2,376	16	217	8	142	14	434	39	673
September.....	12	170	2,751	13	245	10	187	7	143	23	307
October.....	10	103	2,639	18	346	17	356	11	287	34	716
November.....	12	121	6,737	16	533	15	251	16	4,627	44	1,204
December.....	10	258	3,256	12	567	18	231	14	1,102	18	635
1961-January.....	7	203	6,376	22	409	31	2,781	8	167	43	504
February.....	10	131	3,283	22	606	13	246	20	578	37	406
March.....	16	417	2,804	21	621	20	224	15	405	42	1,062
April.....	7	123	4,107	19	847	12	183	15	870	32	675
May.....	12	1,267	2,953	19	263	20	400	11	305	38	682
June.....	7	71	2,900	11	127	13	225	22	759	32	717
July.....											
August.....											
September.....											
October.....											
November.....											
December.....											
Six Months 1960 .....	56	1,921	19,775	84	1,700	96	2,984	71	2,027	169	4,247
Six Months 1961 .....	59	2,212	22,423	114	2,873	109	4,059	91	3,084	224	4,046

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1960-January .....	9	358	142	10,261	71	43,277	2	33	2	250
February .....	3	53	143	4,219	63	5,222	3	385	1	25
March .....	6	207	165	5,778	89	3,720	3	159	5	212
April .....	8	470	114	2,785	64	4,325	1	26	3	21
May .....	6	524	110	4,203	76	3,267	4	528	4	298
June .....	1	15	105	3,427	78	4,671	2	768	2	62
July .....	4	215	102	3,630	47	2,318	3	973	5	75
August .....	4	37	142	3,716	75	2,301	2	15	-	-
September .....	2	39	122	4,028	73	3,445	3	82	2	32
October .....	2	45	136	2,782	88	5,000	4	329	1	16
November .....	3	266	169	4,237	92	7,602	3	114	1	13
December .....	2	66	125	3,566	66	3,648	3	52	2	23
1961-January .....	-	-	150	5,295	85	3,491	4	307	-	-
February .....	4	49	152	3,665	65	4,133	5	116	4	51
March .....	8	359	132	2,948	97	3,588	2	131	2	48
April .....	6	875	102	2,891	79	4,323	-	-	3	101
May .....	2	22	141	4,223	99	3,871	5	290	3	117
June .....	6	261	116	3,342	79	2,319	2	33	-	-
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1960 .....	33	1,628	779	30,673	441	64,482	15	1,899	17	868
Six months 1961 .....	26	1,566	793	22,364	504	21,725	18	876	12	317
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1960-January .....	6	785	10	1,113	242	56,077	30	41,050	76	8,572
February .....	6	175	11	1,636	230	11,715	28	2,867	69	2,182
March .....	3	45	15	582	286	10,703	34	2,037	89	3,427
April .....	4	57	13	893	207	8,577	18	760	54	1,407
May .....	3	155	15	1,798	218	10,773	27	1,031	49	1,998
June .....	2	19	5	398	195	9,360	22	1,441	57	1,983
July .....	3	16	11	708	175	7,935	14	825	58	1,853
August .....	1	9	6	181	230	6,259	19	681	71	2,146
September .....	3	93	10	577	215	8,296	23	1,485	60	1,339
October .....	5	123	5	170	241	8,465	30	2,950	66	1,417
November .....	3	627	3	49	274	12,908	32	6,090	105	3,060
December .....	5	44	7	816	210	8,215	26	2,279	69	2,467
1961-January .....	3	260	12	1,821	254	11,174	31	2,116	87	3,694
February .....	2	73	14	573	246	8,660	26	2,022	75	2,470
March .....	4	69	12	493	257	7,636	35	947	69	1,523
April .....	1	28	1	41	192	8,258	41	1,919	53	2,020
May .....	2	31	6	155	258	8,709	24	908	73	2,400
June .....	9	172	7	219	219	6,346	29	1,141	65	2,440
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1960 .....	24	1,236	69	6,420	1,378	107,205	159	49,186	394	19,569
Six months 1961 .....	21	633	52	3,302	1,426	50,783	186	9,053	422	14,547

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1960					1961				
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	9	2	3	2	16	4	5			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	40	35	35	27	137	42	39			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	21	13	11	18	63	19	18			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	18	9	7	12	46	7	10			
Over \$100,000 .....	21	12	12	6	51	8	4			
Totals .....	109	71	68	65	313	80	76			
<b>Construction</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	14	13	9	51	10	9			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	71	72	77	94	314	83	62			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	35	26	24	18	103	30	22			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	9	18	15	18	60	13	10			
Over \$100,000 .....	31	15	16	17	79	10	8			
Totals .....	161	145	145	156	607	146	111			
<b>Trade</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	38	22	20	26	106	39	36			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	179	156	166	216	717	203	198			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	65	52	54	51	222	58	51			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	16	23	19	78	25	20			
Over \$100,000 .....	24	21	14	17	76	19	16			
Totals .....	326	267	277	329	1,199	344	321			
<b>Service</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	14	15	12	14	55	21	13			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	47	33	53	58	191	84	67			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	21	10	8	12	51	9	14			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	6	14	8	5	33	7	5			
Over \$100,000 .....	2	7	-	7	16	1	3			
Totals .....	90	79	81	96	346	122	102			
<b>Total Canada</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	82	55	53	57	247	84	67			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	380	323	360	441	1,504	443	402			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	153	110	103	114	480	127	113			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	56	70	60	59	245	58	51			
Over \$100,000 .....	87	62	44	54	247	45	36			
Totals .....	758	620	620	725	2,723	757	669			
<b>Quebec</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	57	38	38	48	181	63	43			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	248	187	224	278	937	269	237			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	81	57	54	56	248	60	40			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	32	23	33	30	118	28	22			
Over \$100,000 .....	32	24	17	18	91	14	17			
Totals .....	450	329	366	430	1,575	434	359			
<b>Ontario</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	17	10	8	53	18	22			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	98	114	107	135	454	141	141			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	53	40	36	49	178	48	57			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	26	21	25	88	21	22			
Over \$100,000 .....	38	21	21	29	109	19	15			
Totals .....	223	218	195	246	882	247	257			



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1960-January .....	231.7	39.8	72.3	609.5	106.7	111.3	102.4	99.4	31.7	19.0
February .....	50.9	17.8	29.5	82.9	58.5	148.7	71.4	80.0	37.9	19.7
March .....	37.4	34.5	35.0	41.8	37.8	38.8	49.4	47.5	28.8	24.6
April .....	41.4	58.8	24.4	67.6	13.0	68.7	172.2	24.2	26.7	18.0
May .....	49.4	87.3	38.2	43.0	89.3	119.9	36.8	71.8	40.2	33.4
June .....	48.0	15.0	32.6	59.9	141.5	79.6	51.7	52.5	39.0	34.6
July .....	45.3	53.8	35.6	49.3	96.7	64.4	57.3	50.3	36.7	25.7
August .....	27.2	9.2	26.2	30.7	8.0	30.2	64.5	25.7	22.0	17.3
September .....	38.6	19.0	33.0	47.2	25.9	57.7	49.5	62.6	31.3	13.3
October .....	35.1	22.5	20.5	56.8	46.8	34.0	89.3	47.9	23.8	21.1
November .....	44.2	88.7	25.1	82.6	107.9	16.0	61.2	35.8	58.1	27.4
December .....	39.1	33.0	28.5	55.3	11.9	116.6	25.8	51.5	31.9	35.3
1961-January .....	44.0	-	35.3	41.1	81.0	151.7	59.2	38.1	51.4	11.7
February .....	35.2	12.3	24.1	63.6	21.8	40.9	111.0	36.0	28.5	11.0
March .....	29.7	44.9	22.3	37.0	31.1	41.1	29.6	35.7	26.7	25.3
April .....	43.0	145.7	28.3	54.7	32.1	41.2	52.3	63.4	42.3	21.1
May .....	33.8	10.8	29.9	39.1	43.8	25.9	28.9	33.2	25.0	18.0
June .....	29.0	43.6	28.8	29.4	18.6	31.3	49.6	29.0	27.4	22.4
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1960 .....	77.8	49.3	39.4	146.2	71.5	93.0	75.2	63.2	33.3	25.1
Six months 1961 .....	35.6	60.2	28.2	43.1	35.8	63.5	53.3	38.0	33.7	18.1

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1960-January .....	60	-	52	6	1	1	48	38	8	2
February .....	88	-	67	18	3	-	70	55	10	5
March .....	94	-	83	8	3	-	72	61	9	2
April .....	64	2	51	9	1	1	43	37	6	-
May .....	69	-	52	14	1	2	33	27	5	1
June .....	61	-	47	11	-	3	48	41	3	4
July .....	65	2	53	8	1	1	37	36	1	-
August .....	88	1	75	10	-	2	47	38	9	-
September .....	86	1	63	16	2	4	37	26	11	-
October .....	74	-	64	6	4	-	45	31	12	2
November .....	66	-	54	19	1	2	40	32	7	1
December .....	73	-	49	22	1	1	58	46	8	4
1961-January .....	62	-	45	12	4	1	59	53	6	-
February .....	91	-	68	21	1	1	72	55	13	4
March .....	83	-	67	11	3	2	74	55	12	7
April .....	47	1	29	14	2	1	66	54	10	2
May .....	81	1	52	26	-	2	38	35	2	1
June .....	93	-	64	25	2	2	39	35	2	2
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1960 .....	436	2	352	66	9	7	314	259	41	14
Six months 1961 .....	457	2	325	109	12	9	348	287	45	16



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According to preliminary figures, the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 578 during the third quarter of 1961, a 10 per cent decline from the revised figure of 658 insolvencies reported in the same period of 1960. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities increased from \$25,887,000 to \$26,979,000 in the third quarter comparison. Average liabilities per failure increased from \$39,000 to \$47,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies were in the trade sector with 302 recorded in this industry as compared with 288 during the same period of 1960. Insolvencies in food, automotive products, hardware and furniture and appliances accounted for the majority of failures in this industry. Failures in the construction industry declined sharply from 147 to 87 in the third quarter comparison. There were 55 bankruptcies in the manufacturing industries as compared with 71 for the same period of 1960.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

During the third quarter of 1961 the number of failures in Quebec fell to 298 as compared with 385 for the same quarter of the previous year. Estimated liabilities declined from \$14,036,000 to \$9,827,000 in this comparison with average liabilities per failure dropping from \$36,000 to \$33,000. The number of failures in Ontario increased from 210 to 221 in the third quarter comparison and average liabilities increased from \$39,000 to \$63,000. Bankruptcies in the Prairie Provinces showed a slight increase but average liabilities per failure dropped from \$72,000 to \$36,000. Failures in British Columbia decreased from 30 to 21 and average liabilities increased from \$49,000 to \$98,000. The number of bankruptcies in the Atlantic Provinces showed little change but average liabilities declined from \$40,000 to \$25,000 in the third quarter comparison.

Coverage

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Trapping and Mining are now combined and shown under Primary Industries. Garages previously listed under manufactured transportation equipment is now shown under trade automotive products as are filling stations. Building materials are included in hardware. Fuel and jewellery bankruptcies are now included in other trades. Hotels and restaurants, shoe repair, barber and beauty shops, laundries, dressmaking, etc. are recorded under personal services.

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the Bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter, 1961 With Comparative Figures for 1960

No.		Third Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	7	7	7	13
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	6	4	1	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	1
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	7	8	-	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	14	8	5	3
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	1	-	5	2	-	5
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	3	2	6	4
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	2
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	1	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	3	1	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	10	6	1	1
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	-	50	34	15	17
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	-	26	13	25	13
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	-	60	30	20	24
17	Total construction industries .....	1	-	86	43	45	37
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	17	10	11	7
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	2	2	35	23	9	21
20	General merchandise .....	-	1	9	4	4	1
21	Automotive products .....	3	4	47	37	30	33
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	14	18	13	7
23	Hardware .....	1	1	13	15	10	16
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	14	24	14	20
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	4	1	1
26	Other trades .....	-	1	27	25	19	17
27	Total trade .....	6	10	160	150	100	116
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	9	8	4	4
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	4	3	2	3
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	4	3	2	1
31	Business services .....	-	-	4	10	4	3
32	Personal services .....	1	-	40	27	15	18
33	Other services .....	-	-	4	3	5	2
34	Total services .....	1	-	56	46	28	27
35	Totals .....	9	10	385	298	210	221

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter, 1961 With Comparative Figures for 1960

Third Quarter								No.	
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total					
				Number		Liabilities			
1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961		
							\$'000	\$'000	
3	-	1	2	18	22	554	4,422	1	
-	-	-	-	7	4	285	40	2	
-	-	-	-	1	1	14	120	3	
1	-	-	-	8	9	168	1,351	4	
-	-	1	1	20	12	948	616	5	
1	-	-	-	7	7	256	145	6	
1	-	-	-	10	6	1,426	801	7	
-	-	-	1	-	1	-	187	8	
-	-	-	-	1	2	17	460	9	
-	1	-	-	1	-	7	-	10	
-	1	-	-	2	2	378	60	11	
-	-	1	-	2	4	110	189	12	
-	-	-	-	12	7	667	153	13	
3	2	2	2	71	55	4,276	4,122	14	
1	2	5	1	58	29	4,886	2,380	15	
4	3	5	1	89	58	2,881	1,712	16	
5	5	10	2	147	87	7,767	4,092	17	
1	4	4	3	33	24	854	1,114	18	
-	1	-	1	46	48	840	869	19	
1	-	-	-	14	6	490	161	20	
5	4	3	1	88	79	2,894	3,921	21	
-	1	2	3	29	29	552	730	22	
1	4	2	2	27	38	1,979	1,355	23	
2	-	2	1	32	46	899	2,197	24	
-	-	-	1	2	6	29	232	25	
1	4	3	3	50	50	1,748	1,388	26	
10	14	12	12	288	302	9,431	10,853	27	
1	-	-	-	14	12	1,338	517	28	
-	-	-	-	6	6	179	116	29	
-	-	-	-	6	4	173	154	30	
1	-	-	-	9	13	203	330	31	
-	2	1	-	57	47	1,010	1,154	32	
-	1	-	-	9	6	102	105	33	
1	3	1	-	87	76	1,667	1,859	34	
24	28	30	21	658	578	25,887	26,979	35	





TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service		
Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.	
			Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
			\$' 000		\$' 000		\$' 000		\$' 000		
1960-January.....											
7	300	125	4,757	12	345	23	783	13	492	20	353
8	90	87	3,360	14	227	8	214	13	344	32	666
17	1,060	123	3,444	18	345	25	654	19	561	43	1,254
April.....											
13	364	107	3,279	20	622	14	216	9	284	26	810
5	338	98	4,276	12	271	12	600	14	442	29	661
9	138	74	3,086	11	236	13	279	7	163	26	994
June.....											
8	178	80	3,070	14	283	8	173	10	230	20	493
7	474	109	3,287	17	272	8	169	14	463	38	717
18	201	99	3,074	15	285	13	230	8	207	29	457
September.....											
12	716	111	3,213	17	446	17	307	12	371	35	864
14	188	114	6,993	18	660	15	295	16	4,688	45	1,330
11	275	102	3,632	13	275	16	193	14	1,126	20	1,299
October.....											
November.....											
December.....											
1961-January.....											
7	232	127	7,374	23	419	30	2,788	8	171	45	1,118
10	131	112	3,263	22	606	13	266	20	578	35	430
16	417	103	2,760	21	606	18	201	14	390	42	1,056
March.....											
7	123	97	4,136	19	847	12	183	15	892	32	731
12	1,267	118	2,944	19	301	20	409	11	313	38	688
7	71	107	2,936	11	127	13	225	22	759	32	719
June.....											
8	540	94	5,099	14	288	10	424	18	842	22	511
4	71	104	2,480	20	369	9	141	12	399	24	510
12	503	104	3,275	14	211	10	165	16	957	30	837
August.....											
September.....											
October.....											
November.....											
December.....											
92	3,143	902	31,633	133	2,886	124	3,298	107	3,185	263	6,405
83	3,355	966	34,267	163	3,774	135	4,782	136	5,301	300	6,600
Nine Months 1960 .....											
Nine Months 1961 .....											

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1960-January .....	8	362	140	11,158	71	43,390	2	33	2	249
February .....	3	53	145	4,351	68	5,442	3	385	1	25
March .....	7	218	182	6,936	94	3,850	3	159	5	209
April .....	8	488	121	3,836	68	4,578	1	26	4	129
May .....	5	583	112	3,646	77	3,612	4	528	3	191
June .....	1	15	114	4,059	79	4,919	2	802	2	62
July .....	4	232	103	3,945	48	2,135	3	973	5	118
August .....	3	54	143	5,349	78	2,436	2	135	-	-
September .....	2	78	139	4,741	84	3,725	3	297	2	32
October .....	2	47	141	4,217	88	5,515	4	329	1	16
November .....	3	1,351	171	5,344	92	7,745	3	114	1	13
December .....	2	87	127	4,269	67	3,744	4	102	2	23
1961-January .....	-	-	154	5,883	86	3,865	4	1,148	-	-
February .....	4	49	152	4,104	63	4,449	5	115	4	51
March .....	8	360	131	3,115	95	3,690	2	130	2	51
April .....	6	875	102	2,953	79	4,698	-	-	3	101
May .....	2	22	141	4,894	99	3,873	5	243	3	117
June .....	8	343	116	3,344	79	2,319	2	33	-	-
July .....	4	79	92	3,514	75	8,743	2	189	3	40
August .....	5	161	104	3,125	68	1,984	3	135	2	37
September .....	1	10	102	3,188	78	3,101	5	334	1	20
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine Months 1960 .....	41	2,083	1,199	48,021	667	74,087	23	3,338	24	1,015
Nine Months 1961 .....	38	1,899	1,094	34,120	722	36,722	28	2,327	18	417
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1960-January .....	6	1,205	11	1,135	240	57,532	32	41,219	80	9,508
February .....	6	239	11	1,636	237	12,131	32	2,991	73	2,417
March .....	4	46	15	582	310	12,000	36	2,087	108	4,176
April .....	3	45	14	1,030	219	10,131	20	825	61	2,013
May .....	3	46	16	1,932	220	10,538	31	1,388	52	1,803
June .....	1	12	6	406	205	10,274	25	1,480	63	2,432
July .....	3	18	11	707	177	8,128	18	895	57	2,329
August .....	1	25	6	190	233	8,190	19	681	73	3,136
September .....	5	118	13	578	248	9,569	24	1,537	65	1,289
October .....	6	275	5	735	247	11,134	31	3,090	67	1,651
November .....	3	620	3	49	276	15,236	31	6,065	99	3,672
December .....	5	133	9	1,327	216	9,685	27	2,373	68	2,706
1961-January .....	4	271	12	2,035	260	13,202	31	2,118	90	4,501
February .....	2	73	14	977	244	9,818	26	2,368	75	2,517
March .....	5	115	12	493	255	7,954	35	947	69	1,523
April .....	1	28	1	41	192	8,696	41	1,938	53	2,088
May .....	2	31	6	156	258	9,336	24	908	73	2,437
June .....	9	172	7	219	221	6,430	29	1,141	65	2,440
July .....	4	151	10	1,044	190	13,760	26	3,761	45	1,642
August .....	4	57	4	518	190	6,017	25	718	47	1,173
September .....	4	55	7	493	198	7,201	33	1,766	43	1,460
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1960 .....	32	1,754	103	8,196	2,089	138,493	237	53,103	632	29,103
Nine months 1961 .....	35	953	73	5,976	2,008	82,414	270	15,665	560	19,781

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1960					1961				
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	9	3	5	3	20	4	5	1		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	37	37	32	23	129	38	39	23		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	12	10	19	63	20	18	12		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	21	10	11	12	54	10	10	9		
Over \$100,000 .....	22	12	14	10	58	9	4	10		
Totals .....	111	74	72	67	324	81	76	55		
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	15	15	17	63	11	9	10		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	74	70	71	66	281	72	62	42		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	34	30	24	27	115	35	22	15		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	16	17	26	74	18	10	10		
Over \$100,000 .....	28	19	20	19	86	10	8	10		
Totals .....	167	150	147	155	619	146	111	87		
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	48	29	28	38	143	40	36	28		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	173	145	154	185	657	196	198	183		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	61	65	55	244	58	51	51		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	27	20	22	28	97	28	20	17		
Over \$100,000 .....	24	24	19	21	88	20	16	23		
Totals .....	335	279	288	327	1,229	342	321	302		
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	21	17	19	76	21	13	13		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	41	40	52	51	184	80	67	39		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	23	11	10	15	59	10	14	12		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	4	7	8	29	8	5	11		
Over \$100,000 .....	2	5	1	7	15	3	3	1		
Totals .....	95	81	87	100	363	122	102	76		
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	103	72	73	85	333	86	67	54		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	368	324	346	374	1,412	416	402	320		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	154	123	118	131	526	134	113	94		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	76	57	63	81	277	72	51	57		
Over \$100,000 .....	86	68	58	68	280	51	36	53		
Totals .....	787	644	658	739	2,828	759	669	578		
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	75	54	53	69	251	62	43	32		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	231	178	211	232	852	262	237	180		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	87	63	60	66	276	61	40	45		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	41	23	32	46	142	34	22	21		
Over \$100,000 .....	33	29	29	26	117	18	17	20		
Totals .....	467	347	385	439	1,638	437	359	298		
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	14	14	12	60	21	22	19		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	102	114	110	119	445	121	141	113		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	52	47	40	56	195	55	57	39		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	25	26	29	100	28	22	27		
Over \$100,000 .....	39	24	20	31	114	19	15	23		
Totals .....	233	224	210	247	914	244	257	221		

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1960-January .....	239.7	45.2	79.7	611.1	148.6	103.2	106.7	111.7	38.1	17.6
February .....	51.2	17.8	30.0	80.0	64.9	148.7	73.6	78.5	38.6	20.8
March .....	38.7	31.1	38.1	41.0	34.5	38.8	50.9	46.7	28.0	29.2
April .....	46.3	61.0	31.7	67.3	25.0	73.5	161.2	30.6	30.6	31.1
May .....	47.9	116.7	32.6	46.9	76.5	120.8	32.7	65.0	43.6	22.8
June .....	50.1	15.0	35.6	62.3	175.0	67.7	50.3	55.9	41.7	38.2
July .....	45.9	58.0	38.3	44.5	100.8	64.3	65.6	49.4	38.4	24.7
August .....	35.1	18.0	37.4	31.2	53.4	31.7	63.0	42.2	30.2	18.9
September .....	38.6	39.1	34.1	44.3	44.7	44.4	54.9	63.6	31.0	15.8
October .....	45.1	23.5	29.9	62.7	56.4	147.0	104.2	60.6	28.9	24.7
November .....	55.2	450.3	31.3	84.2	106.8	16.2	72.4	46.2	61.3	29.6
December .....	44.8	43.4	33.6	55.9	23.4	147.5	30.1	46.7	35.6	65.0
1961-January .....	50.8	-	38.2	44.9	177.4	169.6	70.9	37.8	58.1	24.8
February .....	40.2	12.3	27.0	70.6	21.8	69.8	108.7	46.0	29.1	12.3
March .....	31.2	45.0	23.8	38.8	33.0	41.1	36.1	39.3	26.8	25.1
April .....	45.3	145.7	29.0	59.5	32.1	41.2	52.2	75.3	42.6	22.8
May .....	36.2	10.8	34.7	39.1	39.2	25.9	28.9	46.9	25.0	18.1
June .....	29.1	49.0	28.8	29.4	18.6	31.3	49.6	29.0	27.4	22.5
July .....	72.4	19.8	38.2	116.6	42.2	104.4	104.4	55.3	54.2	23.2
August .....	31.7	32.1	30.0	29.2	25.6	129.6	73.7	38.3	23.8	21.3
September .....	36.4	10.0	31.3	39.8	41.0	70.4	48.5	44.6	31.5	27.9
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1960 ....	66.3	50.8	40.1	111.1	77.3	79.6	71.5	61.0	35.1	24.4
Nine months 1961 ....	41.0	49.9	31.2	50.9	45.7	81.9	61.1	45.2	35.5	22.0

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1960-January .....	58	-	51	6	1	-	53	40	10	3
February .....	84	-	67	14	3	-	74	58	11	5
March .....	83	-	74	6	3	-	76	63	11	2
April .....	55	2	46	6	1	-	44	38	6	-
May .....	68	-	53	14	-	1	33	27	5	1
June .....	62	-	49	10	-	3	51	41	5	5
July .....	61	2	52	5	1	1	40	37	1	2
August .....	82	1	71	8	-	2	49	39	10	-
September .....	72	1	58	10	1	2	38	27	11	-
October .....	63	-	55	5	3	-	45	31	12	2
November .....	69	-	52	15	-	2	40	32	7	1
December .....	66	-	47	19	-	-	58	47	7	4
1961-January .....	60	-	44	12	3	1	59	53	6	-
February .....	93	-	67	24	1	1	70	52	13	5
March .....	84	-	68	11	2	3	68	51	11	6
April .....	47	1	29	14	2	1	64	53	9	2
May .....	82	1	53	26	-	2	38	34	2	2
June .....	93	-	64	25	2	2	37	33	2	2
July .....	63	-	41	15	2	5	35	27	8	-
August .....	91	2	64	20	4	1	45	38	4	3
September .....	87	-	59	24	2	2	42	35	6	1
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1960 ....	625	6	521	79	10	9	458	370	70	18
Nine months 1961 ....	700	4	489	171	18	18	458	376	61	21

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

During 1961, the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 2,600 as compared with the revised figure of 2,828 in 1960. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$103,613,000, a decrease of 40.6 per cent over the total for the previous year. Average liabilities per failure decreased from \$61,721 to \$39,851.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures occurred in the trade sector with food, automotive products, hardware and furniture and appliance stores accounting for the majority of failures in this industry and show a small increase over the number for 1960. Average liability per failure in this group declined from \$36,998 in 1960 to \$33,417 in 1961. Bankruptcies in the manufacturing industry declined from 323 to 268 with average liability per failure dropping from \$70,954 to \$61,925. Insolvencies in the construction industry showed a sharp decrease with 457 firms going bankrupt in 1961 as compared with 619 in 1960. Average liability decreased from \$58,586 to \$45,660. The number of business failures in the transportation industry decreased in the 1960-61 comparison and the number of bankruptcies in the service sector increased from 363 to 393.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 1,422 failures in Quebec in 1961 as compared with 1,638 in the previous year. Total estimated liabilities declined from \$61,851,000 in 1960 to \$42,886,000 in 1961 with average liability per failure decreasing from \$37,760 to \$30,159. The number of bankruptcies in Ontario increased from 914 in 1960 to 924. Total liabilities declined from \$91,090,000 to \$44,549,000 with average liability per failure showing a big decrease from \$99,660 to \$48,213. In the Prairie Provinces the number of failures increased slightly but the liabilities declined from \$7,732,000 in 1960 to \$6,137,000 in 1961 and average liability per failure was \$71,593 in 1960 as compared with \$54,795 in 1961. In British Columbia the number of business failures fell from 120 to 94 in the 1960-61 comparison. Total liabilities declined from \$10,307,000 to \$6,585,000 and average liability per failure from \$85,892 to \$70,053. The Atlantic Provinces had the same number of bankruptcies in 1960 and 1961 and the liabilities showed little change.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 liability range. In 1961 there were 1,484 defaulting firms in this bracket and 1,412 in 1960. The number of insolvencies in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range declined from 526 to 438 and in the \$100,000 and over size group from 280 to 177 in the 1960-1961 comparison.

Coverage

Regrouping of industries as noted in the publication covering the third quarter, 1961, will be followed on a continuing basis. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Trapping and Mining are now combined and shown under Primary Industries. Garages previously listed under manufactured transportation equipment is now shown under trade automotive products as are filling stations. Building materials are included in hardware. Fuel and jewellery bankruptcies are now included in other trades. Hotels and restaurants, shoe repair, barber and beauty shops, laundries, dressmaking, etc. are recorded under personal services.

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the Bankruptcy data but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

No.		Fourth quarter				
		Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	8	4	1	2
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>					
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	3	1	1	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	2	1	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	5	3	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	2	5	-	-
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	1	4	2	-	-
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	2	2	-	1
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	-	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	1	2	-	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	1	-	3	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	1	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	6	3	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	2	26	25	1	2
	<u>Construction industries:</u>					
15	General contractors .....	-	25	19	4	2
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	43	15	4	1
17	Total construction industries .....	-	68	34	8	3
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	11	9	2	2
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>					
19	Food .....	1	30	14	2	-
20	General merchandise .....	-	3	2	-	-
21	Automotive products .....	2	40	25	6	3
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	13	12	1	-
23	Hardware .....	2	14	9	2	2
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	14	12	3	-
25	Drugs .....	-	-	2	-	-
26	Other trades .....	1	28	20	2	1
27	Total trade .....	7	142	96	16	6
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	18	5	-	-
	<u>Services:</u>					
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	3	-	-	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	2	1	-	-
31	Business services .....	-	4	3	1	-
32	Personal services .....	-	39	19	2	5
33	Other services .....	-	7	6	-	1
34	Total services .....	-	55	29	3	6
35	Totals .....	10	328	202	31	21

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	
		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000	
30	15	871	1,390	100	75	48,151	7,542	1
4	5	192	664	37	31	2,441	1,584	2
1	3	32	103	6	4	280	223	3
10	8	721	223	42	38	1,928	2,470	4
19	7	1,083	310	78	63	5,317	3,591	5
4	7	97	335	33	27	1,535	737	6
9	5	911	180	46	30	5,980	2,229	7
2	2	646	131	6	5	892	449	8
2	3	192	106	11	10	944	839	9
2	2	133	261	10	5	483	315	10
5	4	339	980	11	13	908	2,452	11
3	1	33	5	7	8	206	780	12
6	9	230	348	36	34	2,004	927	13
67	56	4,609	3,646	323	268	22,918	16,596	14
73	50	4,746	2,989	279	181	19,663	10,941	15
82	63	3,230	2,245	340	276	16,602	9,837	16
155	113	7,976	5,234	619	457	36,265	20,778	17
37	25	1,179	445	129	108	4,322	3,800	18
48	47	1,381	877	181	210	4,267	4,651	19
12	5	424	197	55	37	1,823	1,666	20
78	76	1,684	1,728	299	300	9,145	8,676	21
48	26	795	646	172	161	4,093	5,428	22
37	29	1,486	1,124	139	141	8,387	6,988	23
42	30	6,184	1,315	149	166	9,371	6,616	24
1	2	20	104	11	13	235	751	25
61	52	1,864	950	223	205	8,150	6,427	26
327	267	13,838	6,941	1,229	1,233	45,471	41,203	27
23	23	4,089	1,115	65	66	7,523	4,649	28
8	3	512	135	28	18	937	319	29
8	3	920	71	16	12	1,143	393	30
9	8	558	104	48	61	1,978	1,563	31
67	65	1,180	1,844	242	256	5,288	6,153	32
8	14	323	291	29	46	552	617	33
100	93	3,493	2,445	363	393	9,898	9,045	34
739	592	36,055	21,216	2,828	2,600	174,548	103,613	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade			Household furniture and appliances			Service		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes	Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.				
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1960-January.....	7	300	4,757	12	345	23	13	492	20	353		
February.....	8	90	3,360	14	227	8	13	344	32	666		
March.....	17	1,060	3,444	18	345	25	19	561	43	1,254		
April.....	13	364	3,279	20	622	14	9	284	26	810		
May.....	5	338	4,276	12	271	12	14	442	29	661		
June.....	9	138	3,086	11	236	13	7	163	26	994		
July.....	8	178	3,070	14	283	8	10	230	20	493		
August.....	7	474	3,287	17	272	8	14	463	38	717		
September.....	18	201	3,074	15	285	13	8	207	29	457		
October.....	12	716	3,213	17	446	17	12	371	35	864		
November.....	14	188	6,993	18	660	15	16	4,688	45	1,330		
December.....	11	275	3,632	13	275	16	14	1,126	20	1,299		
1961-January.....	7	232	7,374	23	419	30	8	171	45	1,117		
February.....	10	131	3,263	22	606	13	20	578	35	430		
March.....	16	417	2,760	21	606	18	14	390	42	1,056		
April.....	7	123	4,136	19	847	12	15	892	32	731		
May.....	12	1,267	2,944	19	301	20	11	313	38	688		
June.....	7	71	2,936	11	127	13	22	759	32	719		
July.....	8	540	5,099	14	288	10	18	842	22	511		
August.....	4	71	2,463	20	369	9	12	399	24	510		
September.....	12	503	3,286	14	211	10	16	957	30	837		
October.....	8	88	2,370	20	405	9	9	240	34	1,520		
November.....	7	152	2,141	17	298	10	10	461	31	531		
December.....	10	205	2,431	10	174	7	11	614	28	395		
Twelve Months 1960 .....	129	4,322	45,471	181	4,267	172	149	9,371	363	9,898		
Twelve Months 1961 .....	108	3,800	41,203	210	4,651	161	166	6,616	393	9,045		

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1960-January .....	8	362	140	11,158	71	43,390	2	33	2	249
February .....	3	53	145	4,351	68	5,442	3	385	1	25
March .....	7	218	182	6,936	94	3,850	3	159	5	209
April .....	8	488	121	3,836	68	4,578	1	26	4	129
May .....	5	583	112	3,646	77	3,612	4	528	3	191
June .....	1	15	114	4,059	79	4,919	2	802	2	62
July .....	4	232	103	3,945	48	2,135	3	973	5	118
August .....	3	54	143	5,349	78	2,435	2	135	-	-
September .....	2	78	139	4,741	84	3,725	3	297	2	32
October .....	2	47	141	4,217	88	5,515	4	329	1	16
November .....	3	1,351	171	5,344	92	7,745	3	114	1	13
December .....	2	87	127	4,269	67	3,744	4	102	2	23
1961-January .....	-	-	154	5,883	86	3,865	4	1,148	-	-
February .....	4	49	152	4,104	63	4,449	5	115	4	51
March .....	8	360	131	3,115	95	3,690	2	130	2	51
April .....	6	875	102	2,953	79	4,698	-	-	3	101
May .....	2	22	141	4,894	99	3,873	5	243	3	117
June .....	8	343	116	3,344	79	2,319	2	33	-	-
July .....	4	79	92	3,514	75	8,743	2	189	3	40
August .....	5	160	104	3,108	68	1,984	3	135	2	38
September .....	1	10	102	3,200	78	3,100	5	335	1	20
October .....	3	122	121	4,497	73	2,587	3	170	2	8
November .....	5	170	122	2,600	70	2,304	2	65	1	3
December .....	2	1,266	85	1,674	59	2,937	4	836	2	23
Twelve Months 1960 ....	48	3,568	1,638	61,851	914	91,090	34	3,883	28	1,067
Twelve Months 1961 ....	48	3,456	1,422	42,886	924	44,549	37	3,399	23	452

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1960-January .....	6	1,205	11	1,135	240	57,532	32	41,219	80	9,508
February .....	6	239	11	1,636	237	12,131	32	2,991	73	2,417
March .....	4	46	15	582	310	12,000	36	2,087	108	4,176
April .....	3	45	14	1,030	219	10,131	20	825	61	2,013
May .....	3	46	16	1,932	220	10,538	31	1,388	52	1,803
June .....	1	12	6	406	205	10,274	25	1,480	63	2,432
July .....	3	18	11	707	177	8,128	18	895	57	2,329
August .....	1	25	6	190	233	8,190	19	681	73	3,136
September .....	5	118	13	578	248	9,569	24	1,537	65	1,289
October .....	6	275	5	735	247	11,134	31	3,090	67	1,651
November .....	3	620	3	49	276	15,236	31	6,065	99	3,672
December .....	5	133	9	1,327	216	9,685	27	2,373	68	2,706
1961-January .....	4	271	12	2,035	260	13,202	31	2,118	90	4,501
February .....	2	73	14	977	244	9,818	26	2,368	75	2,517
March .....	5	115	12	493	255	7,954	35	947	69	1,523
April .....	1	28	1	41	192	8,696	41	1,938	53	2,088
May .....	2	31	6	156	258	9,336	24	908	73	2,437
June .....	9	172	7	219	221	6,430	29	1,141	65	2,440
July .....	4	151	10	1,031	190	13,747	26	3,761	45	1,642
August .....	4	57	4	519	190	6,001	25	718	47	1,173
September .....	4	55	7	493	198	7,213	33	1,767	43	1,460
October .....	6	85	8	182	216	7,651	24	1,274	59	2,608
November .....	4	153	7	301	211	5,596	27	1,173	58	1,212
December .....	7	1,095	6	138	165	7,969	22	897	40	887
Twelve Months 1960 ....	46	2,782	120	10,307	2,828	174,548	326	64,628	866	37,132
Twelve Months 1961 ....	52	2,286	94	6,585	2,600	103,613	343	19,010	717	25,109



TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1960					1961				
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th	Total	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	Total
	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter		Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	9	3	5	3	20	4	5	1	1	11
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	37	37	32	23	129	38	39	23	26	126
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	12	10	19	63	20	19	12	11	62
50,000 " 100,000 ....	21	10	11	12	54	10	6	9	11	36
Over \$100,000 .....	22	12	14	10	58	9	7	10	7	33
Totals .....	111	74	72	67	324	81	76	55	56	268
<b>Construction</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	15	15	17	63	11	9	10	7	37
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	74	70	71	66	281	72	62	42	70	246
25,000 " 50,000 ....	34	30	24	27	115	35	21	15	14	85
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	16	17	26	74	18	10	10	11	49
Over \$100,000 .....	28	19	20	19	86	10	9	10	11	40
Totals .....	167	150	147	155	619	146	111	87	113	457
<b>Trade</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	48	29	28	38	143	40	37	28	23	128
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	173	145	154	185	657	196	193	184	166	739
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	61	65	55	244	58	56	50	44	208
50,000 " 100,000 ....	27	20	22	28	97	28	19	17	27	91
Over \$100,000 .....	24	24	19	21	88	20	17	23	7	67
Totals .....	335	279	288	327	1,229	342	322	302	267	1,233
<b>Service</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	21	17	19	76	21	13	13	16	63
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	41	40	52	51	184	80	65	39	56	240
25,000 " 50,000 ....	23	11	10	15	59	10	15	12	14	51
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	4	7	8	29	8	6	11	3	28
Over \$100,000 .....	2	5	1	7	15	3	3	1	4	11
Totals .....	95	81	87	100	363	122	102	76	93	393
<b>Total Canada</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	103	72	73	85	333	86	69	54	58	267
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	368	324	346	374	1,412	416	394	321	353	1,484
25,000 " 50,000 ....	154	123	118	131	526	134	120	93	91	438
50,000 " 100,000 ....	76	57	63	81	277	72	47	57	58	234
Over \$100,000 .....	86	68	58	68	280	51	41	53	32	177
Totals .....	787	644	658	739	2,828	759	671	578	592	2,600
<b>Quebec</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	75	54	53	69	251	62	44	32	42	180
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	231	178	211	232	852	262	232	181	201	876
25,000 " 50,000 ....	87	63	60	66	276	61	45	44	44	194
50,000 " 100,000 ....	41	23	32	46	142	34	21	21	29	105
Over \$100,000 .....	33	29	29	26	117	18	17	20	12	67
Totals .....	467	347	385	439	1,638	437	359	298	328	1,422
<b>Ontario</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	14	14	12	60	21	23	19	11	74
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	102	114	110	119	445	121	137	113	121	492
25,000 " 50,000 ....	52	47	40	56	195	55	57	39	38	189
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	25	26	29	100	28	21	27	18	94
Over \$100,000 .....	39	24	20	31	114	19	19	23	14	75
Totals .....	233	224	210	247	914	244	257	221	202	924

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1960-January .....	239.7	45.2	79.7	611.1	148.6	103.2	106.7	111.7	38.1	17.6
February .....	51.2	17.8	30.0	80.0	64.9	148.7	73.6	78.5	38.6	20.8
March .....	38.7	31.1	38.1	41.0	34.5	38.8	50.9	46.7	28.0	29.2
April .....	46.3	61.0	31.7	67.3	25.0	73.5	161.2	30.6	30.6	31.1
May .....	47.9	116.7	32.6	46.9	76.5	120.8	32.7	65.0	43.6	22.8
June .....	50.1	15.0	35.6	62.3	175.0	67.7	50.3	55.9	41.7	38.2
July .....	45.9	58.0	38.3	44.5	100.8	64.3	65.6	49.4	38.4	24.7
August .....	35.1	18.0	37.4	31.2	53.4	31.7	63.0	42.2	30.2	18.9
September .....	38.6	39.1	34.1	44.3	44.7	44.4	54.9	63.6	31.0	15.8
October .....	45.1	23.5	29.9	62.7	56.4	147.0	104.2	60.6	28.9	24.7
November .....	55.2	450.3	31.3	84.2	106.8	16.2	72.4	46.2	61.3	29.6
December .....	44.8	43.4	33.6	55.9	23.4	147.5	30.1	46.7	35.6	65.0
1961-January .....	50.8	-	38.2	44.9	177.4	169.6	70.9	37.8	58.1	24.8
February .....	40.2	12.3	27.0	70.6	21.8	69.8	108.7	46.0	29.1	12.3
March .....	31.2	45.0	23.8	38.8	33.0	41.1	36.1	39.3	26.8	25.1
April .....	45.3	145.7	29.0	59.5	32.1	41.2	52.2	75.3	42.6	22.8
May .....	36.2	10.8	34.7	39.1	39.2	25.9	28.9	46.9	25.0	18.1
June .....	29.1	49.0	28.8	29.4	18.6	31.3	49.6	29.0	27.4	22.5
July .....	72.4	19.8	38.2	116.6	42.2	103.1	103.6	55.3	54.2	23.2
August .....	31.6	32.1	29.9	29.2	25.6	129.6	73.7	38.3	23.7	21.3
September .....	36.4	10.0	31.4	39.8	41.0	70.4	48.5	44.6	31.6	27.9
October .....	35.4	40.6	37.2	35.4	23.9	22.7	41.4	45.9	23.4	44.7
November .....	26.5	34.1	21.3	32.9	31.6	43.1	41.0	32.4	24.6	17.1
December .....	48.3	633.0	19.7	49.8	150.3	23.0	111.8	75.5	30.8	14.1
Twelve Months 1960 ..	61.7	74.3	37.8	99.7	71.6	86.1	71.0	58.6	37.0	27.3
Twelve Months 1961 ..	39.8	72.0	30.2	48.2	54.8	70.0	61.9	45.5	33.4	23.0

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1960-January .....	58	-	51	6	1	-	53	40	10	3
February .....	84	-	67	14	3	-	74	58	11	5
March .....	83	-	74	6	3	-	76	63	11	2
April .....	55	2	46	6	1	-	44	38	6	-
May .....	68	-	53	14	-	1	33	27	5	1
June .....	62	-	49	10	-	3	51	41	5	5
July .....	61	2	52	5	1	1	40	37	1	2
August .....	82	1	71	8	-	2	49	39	10	-
September .....	72	1	58	10	1	2	38	27	11	-
October .....	63	-	55	5	3	-	45	31	12	2
November .....	69	-	52	15	-	2	40	32	7	1
December .....	66	-	47	19	-	-	58	47	7	4
1961-January .....	60	-	44	12	2	1	59	53	6	-
February .....	93	-	67	24	1	1	70	52	13	5
March .....	84	-	68	11	2	3	68	51	11	6
April .....	47	1	29	14	2	1	64	53	9	2
May .....	82	1	53	26	-	2	38	34	2	2
June .....	93	-	64	25	2	2	37	33	2	2
July .....	63	-	41	15	2	5	35	27	8	-
August .....	91	2	64	20	4	1	45	38	4	3
September .....	87	-	59	24	2	2	42	35	6	1
October .....	93	-	58	29	4	2	39	30	8	1
November .....	81	2	53	21	4	1	46	39	6	1
December .....	74	1	50	20	2	1	42	34	5	3
Twelve Months 1960 ..	823	6	675	118	13	11	601	480	96	25
Twelve Months 1961 ..	947	7	650	241	27	22	585	479	80	26

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

During the first quarter of 1962 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 839 in comparison with 759 for the first quarter of 1961. The estimated total liabilities was \$30,467,000 for the first quarter of 1962 as compared with \$30,974,000 for the same period last year. Average liabilities per failure was \$30,500 compared with \$31,000 for the first quarter of 1961.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures occurred in the trade sector with 397 recorded in this industry as compared with 342 for the first quarter of the previous year. Insolvencies in food stores showed little change. Automotive products stores increased from 72 to 94 and apparel stores from 61 to 75. Business failures of miscellaneous stores increased from 12 to 33. Bankruptcies in the manufacturing industries increased from 81 to 90 and the construction industry showed little change in the first quarter comparison. Failures in the service sector decreased from 122 to 113. Total liabilities were slightly lower in the first quarter of 1962 as compared with the same period last year.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 443 bankruptcies in Quebec during the first quarter of 1962 in comparison with 437 recorded in the same period of 1961. Estimated liabilities declined from \$13,102,000 in 1961 to \$11,538,000 in 1962. Average liabilities decreased from \$30,000 in 1961 to \$26,000 in 1962. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 244 in the first quarter of 1961 to 298 in the same quarter of 1962 but the average liabilities per failure decreased from \$49,200 to \$46,600. The number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces increased sharply from 28 to 49 but liabilities decreased from \$2,954,000 to \$1,766,000 in the first quarter comparison with average liabilities per failure declining from \$69,800 in 1961 to \$36,000 in 1962. Failures in British Columbia increased slightly but the liabilities decreased from \$3,505,000 to \$2,634,000 with average liabilities per failure showing a sharp drop from \$92,200 in the first quarter of 1961 to \$61,300 in the same period of 1962.

Failures by Size of Liability

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 liability range. Failures in the \$100,000 and over bracket increased from 51 to 62.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter, 1962 with Comparative Figures for 1961

No.		First quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	11	13	4	6
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	1	5	5	2	6
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	1
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	11	10	1	3
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	2	-	14	13	5	6
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	5	5	2	1
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	3	2	4	2
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	2	3	1
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	3	1	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	2
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	6	9	5	4
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	2	1	49	50	24	29
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	1	18	20	34	26
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	-	51	48	26	33
17	Total construction industries .....	3	1	69	68	60	59
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	-	20	26	9	14
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	1	48	43	17	12
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	7	6	4	4
21	Automotive products .....	2	-	35	51	20	34
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	1	34	39	22	28
23	Hardware .....	1	1	14	14	18	16
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	-	23	9	18	17
25	Drugs .....	-	-	-	1	2	2
26	Other trades .....	-	-	29	39	12	33
27	Total trade .....	5	3	190	202	113	146
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	-	8	12	3	11
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	2	4	1	1
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	2	5	2	1
31	Business services .....	-	-	19	14	5	3
32	Personal services .....	-	1	55	46	18	24
33	Other services .....	-	-	12	3	5	4
34	Total services .....	-	1	90	72	31	33
35	Totals .....	12	6	437	443	244	298

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter 1962, with Comparative Figures for 1961

First quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	
						\$'000	\$'000	
1	2	1	2	17	23	1,041	627	1
-	1	1	1	8	14	447	875	2
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	96	3
-	-	-	1	12	14	555	1,505	4
-	1	5	3	26	23	1,833	1,613	5
-	-	-	1	7	7	151	335	6
-	-	-	-	7	4	1,013	385	7
-	-	-	-	1	1	123	43	8
-	-	-	-	2	1	70	68	9
-	-	-	1	3	4	54	938	10
-	1	-	-	3	5	1,196	222	11
-	-	-	-	1	2	2	76	12
-	-	-	-	11	13	230	431	13
-	3	6	7	81	90	5,674	6,587	14
4	4	-	4	57	55	2,897	2,689	15
5	9	5	2	89	92	3,127	2,301	16
9	13	5	6	146	147	6,024	4,990	17
1	3	2	3	33	46	780	1,095	18
-	5	-	3	66	64	1,631	3,221	19
-	-	1	-	12	10	476	602	20
11	6	4	3	72	94	1,557	2,410	21
-	1	5	6	61	75	3,235	1,805	22
2	7	6	3	41	41	2,852	1,727	23
-	2	-	5	42	33	1,140	1,092	24
-	1	1	-	3	4	368	88	25
3	1	1	3	45	76	2,137	1,820	26
16	23	18	23	342	397	13,396	12,765	27
1	-	5	-	18	23	1,456	2,594	28
-	-	-	-	3	5	19	37	29
-	-	-	1	4	7	149	128	30
-	-	-	-	24	17	874	414	31
-	4	1	1	74	76	1,406	1,119	32
-	1	-	-	17	8	155	110	33
-	5	1	2	122	113	2,603	1,808	34
28	49	38	43	759	839	30,974	30,467	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Total				Primary industries		Manufacturing industries										Construction			
Number		Liab.		Number		Liab.	Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment		Number		Liab.

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service	
Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.
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TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1961-January .....	-	-	154	5,883	86	3,865	4	1,148	-	-
February .....	4	49	152	4,104	63	4,449	5	115	4	51
March .....	8	360	131	3,115	95	3,690	2	130	2	51
April .....	6	875	102	2,953	79	4,698	-	-	3	101
May .....	2	22	141	4,894	99	3,873	5	243	3	117
June .....	8	343	116	3,344	79	2,319	2	33	-	-
July .....	4	79	92	3,514	75	8,743	2	189	3	40
August .....	5	160	104	3,108	68	1,984	3	135	2	38
September .....	1	10	102	3,200	78	3,100	5	335	1	20
October .....	3	122	121	4,501	73	2,587	3	170	2	8
November .....	5	170	124	2,727	70	2,304	2	65	1	3
December .....	2	1,266	88	1,845	61	2,967	4	836	2	23
1962-January .....	-	-	136	2,754	100	3,365	1	48	4	73
February .....	3	76	136	4,537	93	6,326	5	479	2	55
March .....	3	561	171	4,247	105	4,201	3	226	2	9
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Three months 1961 .....	12	409	437	13,102	244	12,004	11	1,393	6	102
Three months 1962 .....	6	637	443	11,538	298	13,892	9	753	8	137
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1961-January .....	4	271	12	2,035	260	13,202	31	2,118	90	4,501
February .....	2	73	14	977	244	9,818	26	2,368	75	2,517
March .....	5	115	12	493	255	7,954	35	947	69	1,523
April .....	1	28	1	41	192	8,696	41	1,938	53	2,088
May .....	2	31	6	156	258	9,336	24	908	73	2,437
June .....	9	172	7	219	221	6,430	29	1,141	65	2,440
July .....	4	151	10	1,031	190	13,747	26	3,761	45	1,642
August .....	4	57	4	519	190	6,001	25	718	47	1,173
September .....	4	55	7	493	198	7,213	33	1,767	43	1,460
October .....	6	85	8	182	216	7,655	24	1,274	59	2,633
November .....	4	153	7	301	213	5,724	27	1,173	60	1,330
December .....	7	1,095	6	138	170	8,169	23	912	42	923
1962-January .....	7	161	15	512	263	6,913	40	1,664	74	1,432
February .....	11	528	18	1,318	268	13,320	35	4,929	84	3,105
March .....	14	187	10	804	308	10,234	38	2,209	94	2,890
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Three months 1961 .....	11	459	38	3,505	759	30,974	92	5,433	234	8,541
Three months 1962 .....	32	876	43	2,634	839	30,467	113	8,802	252	7,427

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1961					1962				
	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	5	1	1	11	6				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	38	39	23	26	126	36				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	19	12	11	62	17				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	6	9	12	37	14				
Over \$100,000 .....	9	7	10	7	33	16				
Totals .....	81	76	55	57	269	89				
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	9	10	7	37	15				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	72	62	42	71	247	84				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	35	21	15	15	86	24				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	18	10	10	11	49	13				
Over \$100,000 .....	10	9	10	11	40	12				
Totals .....	146	111	87	115	459	148				
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	40	37	28	24	129	41				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	196	193	184	166	739	244				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	58	56	50	44	208	64				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	28	19	17	27	91	27				
Over \$100,000 .....	20	17	23	8	68	21				
Totals .....	342	322	302	269	1,235	397				
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	21	13	13	16	63	30				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	80	65	39	57	241	62				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	10	15	12	14	51	13				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	6	11	3	28	6				
Over \$100,000 .....	3	3	1	4	11	2				
Totals .....	122	102	76	94	394	113				
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	86	69	54	59	268	98				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	416	394	321	356	1,487	484				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	134	120	93	93	440	130				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	72	47	57	58	234	65				
Over \$100,000 .....	51	41	53	33	178	62				
Totals .....	759	671	578	599	2,607	839				
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	62	44	32	43	181	65				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	262	232	181	203	878	271				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	61	45	44	44	194	62				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	34	21	21	30	106	27				
Over \$100,000 .....	18	17	20	13	68	18				
Totals .....	437	359	298	333	1,427	443				
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	21	23	19	11	74	21				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	121	137	113	122	493	167				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	57	39	39	190	53				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	28	21	27	18	94	28				
Over \$100,000 .....	19	19	23	14	75	29				
Totals .....	244	257	221	204	926	298				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1961-January .....	50.8	-	38.2	44.9	177.4	169.6	70.9	37.8	58.1	24.8
February .....	40.2	12.3	27.0	70.6	21.8	69.8	108.7	46.0	29.1	12.3
March .....	31.2	45.0	23.8	38.8	33.0	41.1	36.1	39.3	26.8	25.1
April .....	45.3	145.7	29.0	59.5	32.1	41.2	52.2	75.3	42.6	22.8
May .....	36.2	10.8	34.7	39.1	39.2	25.9	28.9	46.9	25.0	18.1
June .....	29.1	49.0	28.8	29.4	18.6	31.3	49.6	29.0	27.4	22.5
July .....	72.4	19.8	38.2	116.6	42.2	103.1	103.6	55.3	54.2	23.2
August .....	31.6	32.1	29.9	29.2	25.6	129.6	73.7	38.3	23.7	21.3
September .....	36.4	10.0	31.4	39.8	41.0	70.4	48.5	44.6	31.6	27.9
October .....	35.4	40.6	37.2	35.4	23.9	22.7	41.4	45.9	23.5	44.7
November .....	26.9	34.1	22.0	32.9	31.6	43.1	41.0	32.5	25.4	17.1
December .....	48.1	633.0	21.0	48.6	150.3	23.0	110.3	73.0	30.8	14.1
1962-January .....	26.3	-	20.2	33.6	23.5	34.1	39.6	28.0	25.5	18.4
February .....	49.7	25.3	33.4	68.0	59.0	73.2	111.1	32.6	43.6	11.5
March .....	33.2	187.0	24.8	40.0	22.2	80.4	66.5	39.2	27.7	17.3
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1961 ...	40.8	34.1	30.0	49.2	69.8	92.2	70.0	41.3	39.2	21.3
Three months 1962 ...	36.3	106.2	26.0	46.6	36.0	61.3	73.2	33.9	32.2	16.0

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1961-January .....	60	-	44	12	3	1	59	53	6	-
February .....	93	-	67	24	1	1	70	52	13	5
March .....	84	-	68	11	2	3	68	51	11	6
April .....	47	1	29	14	2	1	64	53	9	2
May .....	82	1	53	26	-	2	38	34	2	2
June .....	93	-	64	25	2	2	37	33	2	2
July .....	63	-	41	15	2	5	35	27	8	-
August .....	91	2	64	20	4	1	45	38	4	3
September .....	87	-	59	24	2	2	42	35	6	1
October .....	93	-	58	29	4	2	39	30	8	1
November .....	81	2	53	21	4	1	46	39	6	1
December .....	74	1	50	20	2	1	42	34	5	3
1962-January .....	75	-	51	20	1	3	53	46	6	1
February .....	75	-	39	26	8	2	53	38	11	4
March .....	92	-	63	24	3	2	60	45	11	4
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1961 ..	237	-	179	47	6	5	197	156	30	11
Three months 1962 ..	242	-	153	70	12	7	166	129	28	9



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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

During the second quarter of 1962 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 724, an increase of more than 5 per cent over the revised total of 684 insolvencies recorded for the second quarter of 1961. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$35,714,000 for the second quarter of 1962, 31.6 per cent higher than the corresponding total of \$27,138,000 for 1961. Average liabilities per failure rose sharply to \$49,300 in the second quarter of 1962 as compared with \$39,700 for the same period of 1961. The increase in the liabilities is due largely to failures in the manufacturing and finance industries.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with food, automotive products and furniture stores accounting for the increase in this industry from 314 in the second quarter of 1961 to 349 in the second quarter of 1962. Bankruptcies in the construction industries numbered 138 and 73 in the manufacturing industry. This was an increase of 19 per cent in the construction industry. Although the number of failures in the manufacturing industry was 11 per cent below the number in this industry in the second quarter comparison, the value of liabilities more than doubled. This was due in the main to the heavy increase in liabilities in the paper and allied industries. The financial sector also showed a current liability value almost triple that in the corresponding quarter of 1961, although the number of failures remained practically unchanged.

### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 369 bankruptcies in Quebec during the second quarter of 1962 in comparison with 363 recorded for the same months of 1961. Estimated liabilities rose sharply from \$13,147,000 to \$20,803,000 in the 1961-1962 comparison with average liabilities increasing from \$36,200 to \$56,400. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 258 to 268 but the average liabilities showed little change. The number of bankruptcies in the Prairies Provinces increased from 28 to 45 with average liabilities increasing slightly. In British Columbia the number of failures doubled from 17 to 34 in the second quarter comparison and average liabilities increased from \$40,000 to \$47,500.

### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 liability range. Failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 bracket increased from 128 to 163.

### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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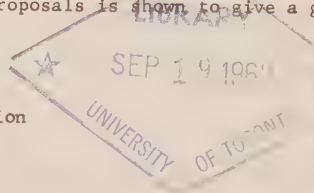


TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter, 1962 with Comparative Figures for 1961

No.		Second quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	3	-	14	11	4	5
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	10	-	5	4
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	7	11	1	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	10	11	7	3
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	4	3	4	4
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	7	4	6	4
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	2	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	1
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	3	3	2	3
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	5	10	2	1
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	48	43	30	23
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	2	-	24	26	16	25
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	1	30	45	32	24
17	Total construction industries .....	4	1	54	71	48	49
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	1	17	10	9	13
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	1	28	39	18	14
20	General merchandise .....	1	2	8	8	5	4
21	Automotive products .....	1	1	34	45	31	33
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	1	21	18	17	24
23	Hardware .....	3	-	15	15	10	13
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	2	1	27	9	19	19
25	Drugs .....	-	-	2	1	-	1
26	Other trades .....	-	-	26	27	22	31
27	Total trade .....	9	6	161	162	122	139
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	-	9	8	4	4
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	5	2	1	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	1	4	-	4
31	Business services .....	-	-	7	8	7	5
32	Personal services .....	-	-	42	48	29	23
33	Other services .....	-	-	5	2	4	3
34	Total services .....	-	-	60	64	41	35
35	Totals .....	18	8	363	369	258	268

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter, 1962 with Comparative Figures for 1961

Second Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
1961	1962	1961	1962	Number		Liabilities		
				1961	1962	1961	1962	
						\$' 000	\$' 000	
1	-	1	-	23	16	893	686	1
-	-	-	1	15	5	445	152	2
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	3
-	1	-	-	8	13	351	782	4
1	-	3	2	21	16	1,046	896	5
-	-	-	1	8	8	135	2,990	6
-	1	-	-	13	9	565	1,060	7
-	-	-	-	1	1	29	73	8
-	-	-	-	3	1	181	370	9
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	399	10
-	-	-	-	5	6	217	976	11
-	-	-	-	1	-	532	-	12
-	1	-	-	7	12	217	693	13
1	3	3	4	82	73	3,718	8,396	14
6	5	2	3	50	59	3,585	3,323	15
1	6	1	3	66	79	2,720	2,863	16
7	11	3	6	116	138	6,305	6,186	17
-	4	-	3	27	31	550	1,911	18
2	4	2	2	51	60	1,431	1,555	19
1	1	-	-	15	15	1,193	414	20
5	8	2	1	73	88	1,682	1,883	21
2	-	1	2	42	45	878	1,076	22
1	2	1	8	30	38	1,842	1,918	23
2	7	1	3	51	39	2,143	1,312	24
-	-	-	-	2	2	47	36	25
1	-	1	4	50	62	1,840	1,561	26
14	22	8	20	314	349	11,056	9,755	27
-	3	-	-	14	15	1,611	4,776	28
-	-	-	-	6	2	42	39	29
-	-	1	-	2	8	12	354	30
1	-	-	-	15	13	299	348	31
4	2	1	1	76	74	2,573	3,085	32
-	-	-	-	9	5	79	178	33
5	2	2	1	108	102	3,005	4,004	34
28	45	17	34	684	724	27,138	35,714	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Total			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries												Construction		
			Number		Liab.	Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment		Number		Number		Liab.
					\$'000															\$'000
			Number	Liab.	\$'000	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	\$'000
1961-January...			259	13,977		3	386	31	2,260	15	1,629	1	19							
February...			257	11,169		9	396	26	2,802	7	160	3	1,107			1	15	41	1,947	
March....			248	8,773		7	428	30	1,068	7	282	3	69			1	19	52	2,686	
April.....			197	9,456		8	548	19	890	4	367	3	90			1	102	29	2,488	
May.....			258	9,960		8	96	35	1,413	6	281	6	418			2	80	46	2,336	
June.....			229	7,722		7	249	28	1,413	11	397	4	57			-	-	41	1,481	
July.....			191	14,666		11	3,543	18	2,023	1	24	2	302			1	400	36	2,099	
August....			197	7,104		10	456	19	1,493	6	341	3	502			-	-	25	1,139	
September.			207	8,195		4	285	19	1,020	5	344	1	120			-	74	31	1,067	
October...			228	8,826		7	165	14	788	1	16	1	89			-	-	46	2,409	
November..			215	7,479		7	205	24	1,222	3	131	4	146			1	9	49	1,618	
December..			173	9,193		5	1,134	22	2,302	4	155	-	-			2	97	26	2,487	
1962-January...			264	8,587		6	305	29	1,209	5	195	1	14			1	43	39	1,376	
February...			261	14,137		6	98	29	3,676	9	1,125	-	-			-	-	44	1,654	
March....			313	11,209		14	344	30	2,273	8	282	3	371			1	68	62	2,491	
April.....			255	12,929		6	190	26	1,730	5	88	-	-			-	-	50	3,080	
May.....			235	8,252		6	365	19	1,344	6	671	4	518			-	-	41	1,033	
June.....			234	14,533		4	130	28	5,322	5	137	1	18			1	73	47	2,073	
July.....																				
August....																				
September.																				
October...																				
November..																				
December..																				
Six months																				
1961 .....			1,448	61,057		42	2,103	169	9,848	50	3,116	20	1,760			2	152	6	246	12,846
1962 .....			1,562	69,647		42	1,432	161	15,554	38	2,498	13	1,446			2	116	2	438	11,707

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service	
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1961-January.....	7	248	7,372	22	444	30	2,755	10	190	43	1,244
February.....	10	131	3,636	25	668	13	244	22	668	36	813
March.....	17	535	3,127	20	587	17	181	15	464	42	1,122
April.....	7	203	4,298	20	857	12	194	16	867	33	795
May.....	12	272	3,238	19	423	16	430	12	373	41	1,291
June.....	8	75	3,520	12	150	14	253	23	902	34	920
July.....	7	466	5,790	13	248	10	495	19	941	22	519
August.....	5	241	2,878	21	395	9	245	12	394	25	807
September.....	11	534	4,071	13	233	11	288	18	979	31	799
October.....	9	127	2,945	23	495	9	118	10	486	37	1,558
November.....	7	165	2,768	17	552	12	260	10	491	30	1,367
December.....	13	243	2,643	10	172	5	335	11	780	28	380
1962-January.....	14	219	4,341	14	547	26	733	12	391	39	802
February.....	10	438	5,876	26	2,637	25	690	12	512	32	394
March.....	21	845	4,067	26	469	20	536	9	288	43	768
April.....	9	325	3,475	17	874	12	401	16	572	43	2,635
May.....	11	1,320	2,485	21	269	18	289	11	275	35	645
June.....	11	266	3,795	22	412	15	387	12	465	24	723
July.....											
August.....											
September.....											
October.....											
November.....											
December.....											
Six months 1961 .....	61	1,464	25,191	118	3,129	102	4,057	98	3,464	229	6,185
Six months 1962 .....	76	3,413	24,039	126	5,208	116	3,036	72	2,503	216	5,967



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1961-January .....	-	-	150	6,229	88	4,259	4	1,148	-	-
February .....	2	26	162	5,214	68	4,607	5	116	4	51
March .....	8	873	123	3,240	95	3,702	2	131	2	51
April .....	7	1,090	105	3,412	80	4,793	-	-	3	101
May .....	3	64	141	6,068	98	3,021	5	344	3	117
June .....	8	742	117	3,667	80	2,529	3	45	1	11
July .....	4	111	92	3,825	75	9,123	2	189	3	40
August .....	6	238	106	3,372	68	2,543	4	142	2	37
September .....	1	157	106	3,694	80	3,431	5	335	1	8
October .....	3	151	132	4,983	72	3,142	3	170	2	8
November .....	4	353	125	3,130	70	3,457	2	65	1	3
December .....	1	910	91	2,299	58	3,743	4	836	3	35
1962-January .....	-	-	134	4,201	103	3,465	1	48	4	178
February .....	3	105	129	5,033	93	6,470	5	479	2	79
March .....	4	661	173	4,890	107	4,423	3	228	2	9
April .....	3	84	127	7,594	92	3,956	11	431	1	5
May .....	3	1,217	119	3,103	89	3,083	3	114	5	50
June .....	2	54	123	10,106	87	3,562	3	93	2	14
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1961 .....	28	2,795	798	27,830	509	22,911	19	1,784	13	331
Six months 1962 .....	15	2,121	805	34,927	571	24,959	26	1,393	16	335

	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1961-January .....	5	289	12	2,052	259	13,977	31	2,140	88	4,752
February .....	2	133	14	1,022	257	11,169	26	2,388	81	2,952
March .....	5	91	13	685	248	8,773	36	1,017	64	1,580
April .....	1	19	1	41	197	9,456	41	1,979	57	2,180
May .....	2	31	6	315	258	9,960	26	1,003	69	3,015
June .....	10	404	10	324	229	7,722	30	1,095	66	2,498
July .....	4	306	11	1,072	191	14,666	26	3,676	46	2,237
August .....	6	242	5	530	197	7,104	26	815	46	1,859
September .....	5	63	9	507	207	8,195	36	1,885	44	1,599
October .....	8	131	8	241	228	8,826	25	1,439	64	2,756
November .....	5	158	8	313	215	7,479	28	1,260	62	1,563
December .....	9	1,226	7	144	173	9,193	24	955	43	1,481
1962-January .....	7	161	15	534	264	8,587	41	1,677	73	2,459
February .....	11	615	18	1,356	261	14,137	35	4,927	90	3,488
March .....	14	194	10	804	313	11,209	38	2,262	94	3,432
April .....	9	363	12	496	255	12,929	35	2,127	53	5,025
May .....	4	46	12	638	235	8,252	34	1,414	65	1,875
June .....	7	222	10	482	234	14,533	28	1,380	58	7,313
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1961 .....	25	967	56	4,439	1,448	61,057	190	9,622	425	16,977
Six months 1962 .....	52	1,601	77	4,310	1,562	69,647	211	13,787	433	23,592

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1961					1962				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	7	2	5	19	8	2			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	36	40	22	23	121	28	29			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	17	10	9	61	20	20			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	12	8	10	13	43	13	6			
Over \$100,000 .....	9	10	12	10	41	19	16			
Totals .....	87	82	56	60	285	88	73			
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	10	15	13	49	16	19			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	62	52	38	65	217	73	53			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	35	23	14	20	92	28	34			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	21	18	12	10	61	14	20			
Over \$100,000 .....	12	13	13	13	51	14	12			
Totals .....	141	116	92	121	470	145	138			
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	47	40	37	31	155	47	36			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	182	168	160	143	653	223	205			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	62	62	50	237	61	78			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	29	22	21	32	104	37	12			
Over \$100,000 .....	22	22	29	12	85	28	18			
Totals .....	343	314	309	268	1,234	396	349			
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	26	24	16	20	86	36	14			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	67	52	38	51	208	55	54			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	16	11	14	54	14	20			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	11	10	5	36	7	8			
Over \$100,000 .....	5	5	3	5	18	2	6			
Totals .....	121	108	78	95	402	114	102			
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	100	90	73	81	344	115	77			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	377	343	292	323	1,335	436	371			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	147	128	100	103	478	135	163			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	80	67	62	65	274	76	52			
Over \$100,000 .....	60	56	68	44	228	76	61			
Totals .....	764	684	595	616	2,659	838	724			
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	73	60	50	62	245	78	50			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	224	192	157	181	754	230	204			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	75	52	48	52	227	62	60			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	43	35	24	33	135	35	21			
Over \$100,000 .....	20	24	25	20	89	31	34			
Totals .....	435	363	304	348	1,450	436	369			
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	25	27	18	14	84	25	23			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	120	130	107	108	465	163	127			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	56	57	41	39	193	55	79			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	29	24	27	21	101	31	20			
Over \$100,000 .....	21	20	30	18	89	29	19			
Totals .....	251	258	223	200	932	303	268			

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1961-January .....	54.0	-	41.5	48.4	159.6	171.0	72.9	47.5	57.1	28.9
February .....	43.5	13.1	32.2	67.8	27.2	73.0	107.8	51.6	30.6	22.6
March .....	35.4	109.2	26.3	39.0	30.3	52.7	35.6	39.7	32.9	26.7
April .....	48.0	155.7	32.5	59.9	30.0	41.2	46.8	85.8	43.9	24.1
May .....	38.6	21.3	43.0	30.8	49.3	52.4	40.4	50.8	29.7	31.5
June .....	33.7	92.7	31.3	31.6	32.9	32.4	50.4	36.1	32.9	27.0
July .....	76.8	27.7	41.6	121.6	59.5	97.5	112.4	58.3	62.3	23.6
August .....	36.1	39.6	31.8	37.4	35.1	105.9	78.6	45.6	26.4	32.3
September .....	39.6	157.3	34.8	42.9	36.9	56.3	53.7	34.4	38.0	25.8
October .....	38.7	50.2	37.8	43.6	23.7	30.2	56.3	52.4	28.3	42.1
November .....	34.8	88.2	25.0	49.4	28.3	39.1	50.9	33.0	31.8	45.6
December .....	53.1	909.7	25.3	64.5	131.0	20.6	104.6	95.7	34.3	13.6
1962-January .....	32.5	-	31.4	33.6	32.2	35.6	41.7	35.3	33.1	20.6
February .....	54.2	35.0	39.0	69.6	65.2	75.3	126.8	37.6	45.9	12.3
March .....	35.8	165.2	28.3	41.3	22.7	80.4	75.8	40.2	29.7	17.9
April .....	50.7	28.0	59.8	43.0	38.1	41.3	66.5	61.6	30.5	61.3
May .....	35.1	405.7	26.1	34.6	17.5	53.1	70.7	25.2	20.7	18.4
June .....	62.1	27.2	82.1	40.9	27.4	48.2	190.1	44.1	33.0	30.1
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1961 .....	42.2	99.8	34.9	45.0	54.1	79.3	58.3	50.0	38.3	27.0
Six months 1961 .....	44.6	141.4	43.4	43.7	35.4	56.0	96.6	41.4	32.3	27.6

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1961-January .....	58	-	44	10	3	1	58	52	6	-
February .....	83	-	59	22	1	1	71	53	13	5
March .....	82	-	69	11	1	1	72	54	11	7
April .....	43	-	27	13	2	1	64	53	9	2
May .....	77	-	52	23	-	2	38	33	3	2
June .....	86	-	63	23	-	-	40	36	2	2
July .....	62	-	40	16	2	4	35	27	8	-
August .....	86	2	63	20	1	-	45	38	4	3
September .....	78	-	55	22	1	-	41	34	6	1
October .....	91	-	59	28	2	2	38	28	8	2
November .....	78	2	53	20	3	-	46	39	6	1
December .....	66	1	46	19	-	-	42	35	4	3
1962-January .....	78	-	53	20	2	3	53	46	6	1
February .....	81	-	45	26	8	2	53	38	11	4
March .....	90	-	62	23	3	2	60	45	11	4
April .....	91	-	54	30	2	5	47	38	5	4
May .....	86	1	50	30	2	3	51	37	12	2
June .....	72	-	49	18	5	-	54	46	8	-
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1961 .....	429	-	314	102	7	6	343	281	44	18
Six months 1962 .....	498	1	313	147	22	15	318	250	53	15

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

On the basis of preliminary figures, the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 775 during the third quarter of 1962, a 13 per cent increase over the revised figure of 595 insolvencies reported in the same quarter of 1961. The estimated total liabilities decreased from \$29,965,000 to \$29,573,000 in this period. Average liabilities per failure decreased from \$50,000 to \$38,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures were in the trade sector with 368 recorded in this industry as compared with 309 in the same quarter 1961. Insolvencies in the food, automotive products, apparel, hardware, furniture and appliances stores accounted for the majority of failures in this industry. Liabilities were somewhat lower in the trade sector. In the manufacturing industry the number of bankruptcies increased from 56 to 73 but the liabilities were lower in the third quarter comparison. In the construction industry there were 142 failures in the third quarter 1962 as compared with 92 in the same period of 1961. Liabilities in this industry increased sharply. In the financial field the number of failures was almost double and the value of liabilities almost triple those recorded for the corresponding quarter of 1961. Bankruptcies in the service industry rose from 78 to 114 and the liabilities also showed a large increase.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 418 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the third quarter of 1962 in comparison with 304 for the same period of 1961. Estimated liabilities rose sharply from \$10,890,000 to \$13,433,000 but average liabilities per failure decreased from \$35,822 to \$32,136 in this period. In Ontario the number of failures increased from 223 to 289 but the liabilities decreased from \$15,097,000 to \$14,037,000 and average liabilities per failure decreased from \$67,700 to \$48,571 in the 1961 and 1962 comparison. In the Prairie Provinces the number of business failures increased from 32 to 47 with average liabilities per failure decreasing from \$42,562 to \$33,128 and in British Columbia the number of insolvencies was 16 as compared with 25, with average liabilities decreasing from \$84,360 to \$25,625.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicated the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 bracket. Failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range increased from 100 to 150 and in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range from 62 to 79 in the third quarter comparison.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include, failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter, 1962 with Comparative Figures for 1961

No.		Third Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	2	9	14	13	7
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	3	2	-	5
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	1
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	8	4	1	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	8	19	3	9
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	3	6	5	3
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	2	2	4	2
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	1	2	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	2	-	1
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	2
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	8	5	2	3
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	34	43	17	28
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	-	-	12	30	14	25
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	-	31	45	26	27
17	Total construction industries .....	-	-	43	75	40	52
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	9	23	7	6
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	2	1	21	37	22	13
20	General merchandise .....	2	-	6	1	2	8
21	Automotive products .....	3	-	39	54	32	38
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	18	19	8	25
23	Hardware .....	2	-	15	20	15	14
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	-	26	25	20	23
25	Drugs .....	-	-	4	1	1	-
26	Other trades .....	1	1	26	27	15	27
27	Total trade .....	11	2	155	184	115	148
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	8	14	4	8
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	3	3	2
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	2	4	1	3
31	Business services .....	-	-	10	9	3	3
32	Personal services .....	-	1	28	41	18	29
33	Other services .....	-	-	3	8	2	3
34	Total services .....	-	1	46	65	27	40
35	Totals .....	11	5	304	418	223	289



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter, 1962 with Comparative Figures for 1961

Third Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1961	1962	1962	1962	1961	1962	1961 \$' 000	1962 \$' 000	
-	1	3	1	25	25	4,285	755	1
-	1	1	-	4	8	69	749	2
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	111	3
-	-	-	-	9	5	1,343	173	4
-	1	1	-	12	29	708	1,069	5
-	-	-	-	8	9	154	227	6
-	-	-	-	6	4	924	194	7
-	-	1	-	1	-	175	-	8
-	-	-	-	2	2	474	38	9
-	-	-	-	-	3	-	423	10
1	-	-	-	2	3	181	138	11
-	-	-	-	1	-	80	-	12
1	-	-	-	11	8	428	467	13
2	2	3	-	56	73	4,536	3,589	14
2	6	3	2	31	63	2,436	4,829	15
3	3	1	4	61	79	1,869	2,461	16
5	9	4	6	92	142	4,305	7,290	17
5	2	2	-	23	31	1,241	744	18
1	3	1	2	47	56	876	1,330	19
1	4	-	-	11	13	576	1,791	20
4	9	1	-	79	101	4,412	2,461	21
1	3	3	3	30	50	1,028	1,539	22
4	2	1	1	37	37	1,718	1,667	23
-	2	2	-	49	50	2,314	1,284	24
1	-	1	-	7	1	164	58	25
4	3	3	2	49	60	1,652	1,627	26
16	26	12	8	309	368	12,740	11,757	27
-	-	-	-	12	22	733	2,179	28
-	-	-	-	6	5	116	108	29
-	1	1	-	4	8	86	796	30
-	-	-	-	13	12	311	545	31
3	5	-	1	49	77	1,411	1,554	32
1	1	-	-	6	12	201	256	33
4	7	1	1	78	114	2,125	3,259	34
32	47	25	16	595	775	29,965	29,573	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Month and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment		Number	Liab.
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1961-January...	259	13,977	3	386	31	2,260	15	1,629	1	19	-	-	1	15	41	1,947
February...	257	11,169	9	396	26	2,802	7	160	3	1,107	-	-	1	19	52	2,686
March.....	248	8,773	7	428	30	1,068	7	282	3	69	1	123	1	30	48	1,908
April.....	197	9,456	8	548	19	890	4	367	3	90	-	-	1	102	29	2,488
May.....	258	9,960	8	96	35	1,415	6	281	6	418	1	29	2	80	46	2,336
June.....	229	7,722	7	249	28	1,413	11	397	4	57	-	-	-	-	41	1,481
July.....	191	14,666	11	3,543	18	2,023	1	24	2	302	1	175	1	400	36	2,099
August....	197	7,104	10	456	19	1,493	6	341	3	502	-	-	-	-	25	1,139
September.	207	8,195	4	285	19	1,020	5	344	1	120	-	-	1	74	31	1,067
October...	228	8,826	7	165	14	788	1	16	1	89	-	-	-	-	46	2,409
November..	215	7,479	7	205	24	1,222	3	131	4	146	2	131	1	9	49	1,618
December..	173	9,193	5	1,134	22	2,302	4	155	-	-	-	-	2	97	26	2,487
1962-January...	264	8,586	6	305	29	1,210	5	195	1	14	1	43	-	-	39	1,376
February...	262	14,333	6	98	30	3,775	10	1,224	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	1,789
March.....	312	11,780	14	373	30	2,309	8	281	3	371	-	-	1	68	62	2,474
April.....	256	15,883	7	2,556	25	1,703	5	89	4	507	-	-	-	-	50	3,075
May.....	237	9,971	6	365	19	1,344	6	670	4	518	-	-	-	-	41	1,060
June.....	234	15,278	4	129	28	5,324	5	137	1	18	1	73	1	370	47	2,584
July.....	257	9,345	9	360	26	1,205	10	246	3	179	-	-	2	38	43	2,622
August....	274	10,989	12	304	27	1,245	13	713	1	15	-	-	-	-	50	2,768
September.	244	9,240	4	92	20	1,140	6	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	1,900
October...																
November..																
December..																
Nine months 1961 .....	2,043	91,022	67	6,387	225	14,384	62	3,825	26	2,684	3	327	8	720	349	17,151
Nine months 1962 .....	2,340	105,405	68	4,582	234	19,255	68	3,665	17	1,622	2	116	4	476	425	19,648

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service	
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1961-January.....	7	248	7,372	22	444	30	2,755	10	190	43	1,244
February.....	10	131	3,636	25	668	13	244	22	668	36	813
March.....	17	535	3,127	20	587	17	181	15	464	42	1,122
April.....	7	203	4,298	20	857	12	194	16	867	33	795
May.....	12	272	3,238	19	423	16	430	12	373	41	1,291
June.....	8	75	3,520	12	150	14	253	23	902	34	920
July.....	7	466	5,790	13	248	10	495	19	941	22	519
August.....	5	241	2,878	21	395	9	245	12	394	25	807
September.....	11	534	4,071	13	233	11	288	18	979	31	799
October.....	9	127	2,945	23	495	9	118	10	486	37	1,558
November.....	7	165	2,768	17	552	12	260	10	491	30	1,367
December.....	13	243	2,643	10	172	5	335	11	780	28	380
1962-January.....	14	219	4,341	14	547	26	733	12	391	39	800
February.....	10	339	5,921	26	2,643	25	690	12	512	32	405
March.....	20	867	4,105	26	486	20	536	9	288	43	1,013
April.....	9	325	3,501	17	874	12	401	16	572	44	3,228
May.....	11	1,320	2,964	21	309	18	291	10	267	36	719
June.....	12	323	3,941	22	434	15	446	12	505	23	744
July.....	9	310	3,350	16	276	18	444	22	511	37	928
August.....	13	281	4,580	22	455	18	498	17	448	40	1,695
September.....	9	153	3,828	18	599	14	597	11	325	37	636
October.....											
November.....											
December.....											
Nine months 1961 .....	84	2,705	37,930	165	4,005	132	5,085	147	5,778	307	8,310
Nine months 1962 .....	107	4,137	36,531	182	6,623	166	4,636	121	3,819	331	10,168

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1961-January .....	-	-	150	6,229	88	4,259	4	1,148	-	-
February .....	2	26	162	5,214	68	4,607	5	116	4	51
March .....	8	873	123	3,240	95	3,702	2	131	2	51
April .....	7	1,090	105	3,412	80	4,793	-	-	3	101
May .....	3	64	141	6,068	98	3,021	5	344	3	117
June .....	8	742	117	3,667	80	2,529	3	45	1	11
July .....	4	111	92	3,825	75	9,123	2	189	3	40
August .....	6	238	106	3,372	68	2,543	4	142	2	37
September .....	1	157	106	3,694	80	3,431	5	335	1	8
October .....	3	151	132	4,983	72	3,142	3	170	2	8
November .....	4	353	125	3,130	70	3,457	2	65	1	3
December .....	1	910	91	2,299	58	3,743	4	836	3	35
1962-January .....	-	-	134	4,202	103	3,463	1	48	4	178
February .....	3	105	130	5,211	93	6,471	5	496	2	79
March .....	4	661	172	5,460	107	4,423	3	228	2	9
April .....	3	84	128	10,548	92	3,956	11	431	1	5
May .....	3	1,217	122	4,858	88	3,048	3	114	5	50
June .....	2	54	123	10,379	87	4,030	3	76	2	14
July .....	3	105	143	4,704	96	4,039	1	181	3	107
August .....	1	15	144	4,978	99	4,917	5	349	4	52
September .....	1	15	131	3,752	94	5,081	5	90	7	211
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1961 ..	39	3,301	1,102	38,721	732	38,008	30	2,450	19	416
Nine months 1962 ..	20	2,256	1,227	54,092	859	39,428	37	2,013	30	705
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1961-January .....	5	289	12	2,052	259	13,977	31	2,140	88	4,752
February .....	2	133	14	1,022	257	11,169	26	2,388	81	2,952
March .....	5	91	13	685	248	8,773	36	1,017	64	1,580
April .....	1	19	1	41	197	9,456	41	1,979	57	2,180
May .....	2	31	6	315	258	9,960	26	1,003	69	3,015
June .....	10	404	10	324	229	7,722	30	1,095	66	2,498
July .....	4	306	11	1,072	191	14,666	26	3,676	46	2,237
August .....	6	242	5	530	197	7,104	26	815	46	1,859
September .....	5	63	9	507	207	8,195	36	1,885	44	1,599
October .....	8	131	8	241	228	8,826	25	1,439	64	2,756
November .....	5	158	8	313	215	7,479	28	1,260	62	1,563
December .....	9	1,226	7	144	173	9,193	24	955	43	1,481
1962-January .....	7	161	15	534	264	8,586	41	1,677	73	2,459
February .....	11	615	18	1,356	262	14,333	35	4,927	90	3,488
March .....	14	194	10	805	312	11,780	38	2,262	94	3,688
April .....	9	363	12	496	256	15,883	35	2,127	55	5,165
May .....	4	46	12	638	237	9,971	34	1,414	64	3,088
June .....	7	222	10	503	234	15,278	27	1,350	58	7,551
July .....	3	57	8	152	257	9,345	40	1,886	66	2,365
August .....	14	431	7	247	274	10,989	37	2,146	72	3,186
September .....	5	79	1	12	244	9,240	24	2,645	57	1,698
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1961 ..	40	1,578	81	6,548	2,043	91,022	278	15,998	561	22,672
Nine months 1962 ..	74	2,168	93	4,743	2,340	105,405	311	20,434	629	32,688

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1961					1962				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	7	2	5	19	8	2	3		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	36	40	22	23	121	28	28	38		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	17	10	9	61	20	20	10		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	12	8	10	13	43	14	6	12		
Over \$100,000 .....	9	10	12	10	41	19	16	10		
Totals .....	87	82	56	60	285	89	72	73		
<b>Construction</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	10	15	13	49	18	21	12		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	62	52	38	65	217	73	50	72		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	35	23	14	20	92	26	34	21		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	21	18	12	10	61	14	19	16		
Over \$100,000 .....	12	13	13	13	51	14	14	21		
Totals .....	141	116	92	121	470	145	138	142		
<b>Trade</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	47	40	37	31	155	48	38	27		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	182	168	160	143	653	221	193	210		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	62	62	50	237	62	84	80		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	29	22	21	32	104	37	14	35		
Over \$100,000 .....	22	22	29	12	85	28	20	16		
Totals .....	343	314	309	268	1,234	396	349	368		
<b>Service</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	26	24	16	20	86	36	16	23		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	67	52	38	51	208	54	49	58		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	16	11	14	54	13	20	23		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	11	10	5	36	8	10	5		
Over \$100,000 .....	5	5	3	5	18	3	8	5		
Totals .....	121	108	78	95	402	114	103	114		
<b>Total Canada</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	100	90	73	81	344	120	83	73		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	377	343	292	323	1,335	429	351	417		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	147	128	100	103	478	133	170	150		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	80	67	62	65	274	78	54	79		
Over \$100,000 .....	60	56	68	44	228	78	69	56		
Totals .....	764	684	595	616	2,659	838	727	775		
<b>Quebec</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	73	60	50	62	245	83	55	50		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	224	192	157	181	754	221	187	228		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	75	52	48	52	227	62	67	78		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	43	35	24	33	135	37	25	35		
Over \$100,000 .....	20	24	25	20	89	33	39	27		
Totals .....	435	363	304	348	1,450	436	373	418		
<b>Ontario</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	25	27	18	14	84	25	24	19		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	120	130	107	108	465	164	124	149		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	56	57	41	39	193	55	79	59		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	29	24	27	21	101	30	19	35		
Over \$100,000 .....	21	20	30	18	89	29	21	27		
Totals .....	251	258	223	200	932	303	267	289		



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1961-January .....	54.0	-	41.5	48.4	159.6	171.0	72.9	47.5	57.1	28.9
February .....	43.5	13.1	32.2	67.8	27.2	73.0	107.8	51.6	30.6	22.6
March .....	35.4	109.2	26.3	39.0	30.3	52.7	35.6	39.7	32.9	26.7
April .....	48.0	155.7	32.5	59.9	30.0	41.2	46.8	85.8	43.9	24.1
May .....	38.6	21.3	43.0	30.8	49.3	52.4	40.4	50.8	29.7	31.5
June .....	33.7	92.7	31.3	31.6	32.9	32.4	50.4	36.1	32.9	27.0
July .....	76.8	27.7	41.6	121.6	59.5	97.5	112.4	58.3	62.3	23.6
August .....	36.1	39.6	31.8	37.4	35.1	105.9	78.6	45.6	26.4	32.3
September .....	39.6	157.3	34.8	42.9	36.9	56.3	53.7	34.4	38.0	25.8
October .....	38.7	50.2	37.8	43.6	23.7	30.2	56.3	52.4	28.3	42.1
November .....	34.8	88.2	25.0	49.4	28.3	39.1	50.9	33.0	31.8	45.6
December .....	53.1	909.7	25.3	64.5	131.0	20.6	104.6	95.7	34.3	13.6
1962-January .....	32.5	-	31.4	33.6	32.2	35.6	41.7	35.3	33.1	20.5
February .....	54.7	35.0	40.1	69.6	66.1	75.3	125.8	40.7	46.3	12.7
March .....	37.8	165.2	31.7	41.3	22.7	80.5	77.0	39.9	30.0	23.6
April .....	62.0	28.0	82.4	43.0	38.1	41.3	68.1	61.5	30.7	73.4
May .....	42.1	405.6	39.8	34.6	17.5	53.1	70.8	25.9	24.5	20.0
June .....	65.3	27.2	84.4	46.3	26.0	50.3	190.1	55.0	34.6	32.3
July .....	36.4	34.9	32.9	42.1	49.3	19.0	46.3	61.0	27.2	25.1
August .....	40.1	15.0	34.6	49.7	36.2	35.2	46.1	55.4	35.8	42.4
September .....	37.9	15.1	28.6	54.1	22.3	11.5	57.0	38.8	32.7	17.2
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1961	44.6	84.6	35.1	51.9	49.9	80.8	63.9	49.1	39.3	27.1
Nine months 1962	45.0	112.8	44.1	45.9	34.7	51.0	82.3	46.2	32.8	30.7

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1961-January .....	58	-	44	10	3	1	58	52	6	-
February .....	83	-	59	22	1	1	71	53	13	5
March .....	82	-	69	11	1	1	72	54	11	7
April .....	43	-	27	13	2	1	64	53	9	2
May .....	77	-	52	23	-	2	38	33	3	2
June .....	86	-	63	23	-	-	40	36	2	2
July .....	62	-	40	16	2	4	35	27	8	-
August .....	86	2	63	20	1	-	45	38	4	3
September .....	78	-	55	22	1	-	41	34	6	1
October .....	91	-	59	28	2	2	38	28	8	2
November .....	78	2	53	20	3	-	46	39	6	1
December .....	66	1	46	19	-	-	42	35	4	3
1962-January .....	78	-	53	20	2	3	53	46	6	1
February .....	82	-	46	26	8	2	53	38	11	4
March .....	92	-	64	23	3	2	57	43	11	3
April .....	91	-	54	30	2	5	44	36	5	3
May .....	87	1	49	32	2	3	50	37	11	2
June .....	73	-	49	19	5	-	54	46	8	-
July .....	91	-	52	27	6	6	34	26	6	2
August .....	110	1	66	37	5	1	56	49	6	1
September .....	106	-	68	35	3	-	47	39	8	-
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1961	655	2	472	160	11	10	464	380	62	22
Nine months 1962	810	2	501	249	36	22	448	360	72	16

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COMMERCIAL FAILURES

Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

During the fourth quarter of 1962 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 841, an increase of 36.5 per cent over the revised total of 616 insolvencies recorded for the fourth quarter of 1961. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$41,724,000, higher by 63.6 per cent than the total of \$25,498,000 for the fourth quarter of 1961.

The total number of bankruptcies for the year 1962 was 3,185 an increase of 19.8 per cent over the revised 1961 total of 2,659. Total liabilities were \$147,452,000 in comparison with the twelve month total of \$116,520,000 for 1961.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of business failures occurred in the trade sector with 1,495 in comparison with 1,234 in 1961. The big increase was in the food, automotive products, apparel hardware and miscellaneous stores. Liabilities rose from \$46,286,000 to \$51,139,000. In the manufacturing industry the number of bankruptcies increased from 285 to 325 and liabilities increased from \$18,696,000 to \$28,370,000 in the 1961-1962 comparison. The number of failures in the construction industry increased from 470 to 572 and the liabilities from \$23,665,000 to \$27,366,000. In the financial sector the number of failures increased from 69 to 82 and the liabilities from \$5,127,000 to \$13,346,000. Bankruptcies in the service industry rose from 402 in 1961 to 476 in 1962 and the liabilities from \$11,614,000 to \$16,368,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 1,692 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the year 1962 in comparison with 1,450 for 1961. Estimated liabilities rose from \$49,133,000 to \$75,197,000. Average liabilities per failure increased from \$33,900 to \$44,500. In Ontario the number of business failures were 1,177 in 1962 in comparison with 932 for 1961. Liabilities increased from \$48,351,000 to \$55,888,000 with average liabilities per failure slightly lower in 1962. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvencies increased from 126 to 177 but the liabilities were lower. Average liabilities per failure decreased from \$56,200 to \$37,500. In British Columbia the number of bankruptcies increased slightly but the liabilities were lower. Average liabilities per failure decreased from \$69,700 to \$65,900 in the 1961-1962 comparison.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicated the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 bracket. Failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range increased from 54 to 81 and in the \$100,000 and over from 18 to 29 in the 1961-1962 comparison.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include, failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1962 with Comparisons

No.		Fourth Quarter									
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces		British Columbia	
		1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	9	12	4	11	3	-	3	-
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>										
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	3	7	1	2	1	1	-	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	5	11	3	3	-	-	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	3	8	5	6	-	-	-	1
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	1	-	4	8	3	8	-	-	-	1
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	1	2	5	2	5	-	1	1	-
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	7	10	4	4	-	-	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	2	1	28	54	27	30	1	2	2	3
	<u>Construction industries:</u>										
15	General contractors .....	-	1	29	35	20	28	5	3	2	-
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	-	43	43	16	34	4	2	2	-
17	Total construction industries .....	-	1	72	78	36	62	9	5	4	-
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	14	21	11	10	2	2	2	2
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>										
19	Food .....	1	-	32	32	14	19	3	2	-	-
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	3	11	2	6	-	1	-	-
21	Automotive products .....	2	4	42	47	24	44	7	4	4	-
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	14	21	11	11	1	1	-	-
23	Hardware .....	2	1	13	22	9	19	3	7	2	-
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	-	17	32	11	23	3	3	-	-
25	Drugs .....	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-
26	Other trades .....	1	1	27	38	16	18	2	4	1	-
27	Total trade .....	6	6	148	206	88	142	19	22	7	-
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	19	11	5	6	-	1	-	-
	<u>Services:</u>										
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	2	5	1	3	-	-	-	-
31	Business services .....	-	1	5	11	3	5	1	2	-	-
32	Personal services .....	-	-	44	56	19	39	1	2	2	-
33	Other services .....	-	-	5	7	6	4	1	-	3	-
34	Total services .....	-	1	58	82	29	54	3	4	5	-
35	Totals .....	8	10	348	464	200	315	37	36	23	-

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1962 with Comparisons

Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	
\$' 000				\$' 000				
19	23	1,504	848	86	92	7,892	5,441	1
5	10	669	641	33	38	1,639	2,486	2
3	-	148	-	3	5	149	240	3
8	14	557	669	37	45	2,799	3,267	4
8	15	302	2,698	70	83	4,127	6,363	5
8	17	359	1,461	31	41	798	5,044	6
5	12	235	1,728	31	29	2,919	3,349	7
2	-	131	-	5	2	458	116	8
3	4	107	1,251	11	8	826	1,727	9
2	2	308	90	4	10	346	1,843	10
4	1	1,057	36	14	14	2,652	1,520	11
1	1	5	34	4	3	619	110	12
11	14	433	478	42	47	1,364	2,305	13
60	90	4,311	9,086	285	325	18,696	28,370	14
56	67	4,235	4,893	195	244	13,535	16,568	15
65	79	2,279	2,624	275	328	10,130	10,798	16
121	146	6,514	7,517	470	572	23,665	27,366	17
29	36	536	1,282	113	143	3,240	5,422	18
50	55	1,219	2,141	215	237	5,225	8,771	19
5	18	159	1,127	45	56	3,355	4,170	20
79	101	2,219	1,731	303	385	10,259	8,469	21
26	33	713	841	158	198	5,798	5,469	22
29	50	1,170	3,953	137	165	7,714	9,364	23
31	58	1,756	2,045	178	179	7,535	5,860	24
1	5	50	179	13	12	629	369	25
47	62	1,070	2,537	185	263	5,771	8,667	26
268	382	8,356	14,554	1,234	1,495	46,286	51,139	27
24	20	972	2,260	69	82	5,127	13,346	28
2	7	61	367	16	19	231	552	29
3	8	78	461	13	31	325	1,731	30
9	19	162	1,843	59	60	1,762	3,197	31
66	98	2,598	3,342	270	328	8,489	10,171	32
15	12	406	164	44	38	807	717	33
95	144	3,305	6,177	402	476	11,614	16,368	34
616	841	25,498	41,724	2,659	3,185	116,520	147,452	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries										Construction	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment		Number	Liab.
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1961-January...	259	13,977	3	386	31	2,260	15	1,629	1	19	-	-	1	15	41	1,947
February...	257	11,168	9	396	26	2,802	7	160	3	1,107	-	-	1	19	52	2,686
March.....	248	8,773	7	428	30	1,068	7	282	3	69	1	123	1	30	48	1,908
April.....	197	9,457	8	548	19	890	4	367	3	90	-	-	1	102	29	2,488
May.....	258	9,960	8	96	35	1,415	6	281	35	418	1	29	2	80	46	2,336
June.....	229	7,722	7	250	28	1,413	11	397	4	57	-	-	-	-	41	1,481
July.....	191	14,666	11	3,543	18	2,023	1	24	2	302	1	175	1	400	36	2,099
August....	197	7,104	10	456	19	1,493	6	341	3	502	-	-	-	-	25	1,139
September.	207	8,195	4	285	19	1,020	5	344	1	120	-	-	1	74	31	1,067
October...	228	8,826	7	165	14	788	1	16	1	89	-	-	-	-	46	2,409
November..	215	7,479	7	205	24	1,222	3	131	4	146	2	131	1	9	49	1,618
December..	173	9,193	5	1,134	22	2,302	4	155	-	-	-	-	2	97	26	2,487
1962-January...	264	8,586	6	305	29	1,210	5	195	1	14	1	43	-	-	39	1,376
February...	262	14,333	6	98	30	3,775	10	1,224	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	1,789
March.....	312	11,780	14	373	30	2,309	8	281	3	371	-	-	1	68	62	2,474
April.....	256	15,883	7	2,556	25	1,703	5	89	4	507	-	-	-	-	50	3,075
May.....	237	9,971	6	365	19	1,344	6	670	4	518	-	-	-	-	41	1,060
June.....	234	15,278	4	129	28	5,324	5	137	1	18	1	73	1	370	47	2,584
July.....	257	9,533	9	360	26	1,205	10	246	3	179	-	-	2	38	43	2,805
August....	274	10,998	12	304	27	1,245	13	713	1	15	-	-	-	-	50	2,768
September.	248	9,366	5	103	21	1,169	6	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	1,918
October...	308	15,327	9	367	31	3,530	9	1,794	4	273	-	-	-	-	49	2,049
November..	295	15,787	8	324	28	4,066	5	892	5	1,260	-	-	4	1,252	60	2,943
December..	238	10,610	6	157	31	1,490	1	12	3	195	-	-	-	-	37	2,525
Twelve months																
1961 .....	2,659	116,520	86	7,892	285	18,696	70	4,127	31	2,919	5	458	11	826	470	23,665
Twelve months																
1962 .....	3,185	147,452	92	5,441	325	28,370	83	6,363	29	3,350	2	116	8	1,728	572	27,366



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

Transportation communication and utilities				Trade				Service			
		Total		Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Service	
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TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1961-January .....	-	-	150	6,229	88	4,259	4	1,148	-	-
February .....	2	26	162	5,214	68	4,607	5	115	4	51
March .....	8	873	123	3,240	95	3,702	2	131	2	51
April .....	7	1,090	105	3,412	80	4,794	-	-	3	101
May .....	3	64	141	6,068	98	3,021	5	344	3	117
June .....	8	742	117	3,667	80	2,529	3	45	1	11
July .....	4	111	92	3,825	75	9,123	2	189	3	40
August .....	6	238	106	3,372	68	2,543	4	142	2	37
September .....	1	157	106	3,694	80	3,431	5	335	1	8
October .....	3	151	132	4,983	72	3,142	3	170	2	8
November .....	4	353	125	3,130	70	3,457	2	65	1	3
December .....	1	910	91	2,299	58	3,743	4	836	3	35
1962-January .....	-	-	134	4,202	103	3,463	1	48	4	178
February .....	3	105	130	5,211	93	6,471	5	496	2	79
March .....	4	661	172	5,460	107	4,423	3	228	2	9
April .....	3	84	128	10,548	92	3,956	11	431	1	5
May .....	3	1,217	122	4,858	88	3,048	3	114	5	50
June .....	2	54	123	10,379	87	4,030	3	76	2	14
July .....	2	80	143	4,709	97	4,245	1	181	3	107
August .....	1	15	144	4,987	99	4,917	5	350	4	52
September .....	2	26	132	3,789	96	5,127	5	122	7	211
October .....	5	90	163	7,445	116	6,702	4	92	4	121
November .....	4	141	157	7,475	116	5,880	6	438	2	23
December .....	1	67	144	6,134	83	3,626	-	-	-	-
Twelve months 1961 .....	47	4,714	1,450	49,133	932	48,351	39	3,520	25	462
Twelve months 1962 .....	30	2,540	1,692	75,197	1,177	55,888	47	2,576	36	849
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1961-January .....	5	289	12	2,052	259	13,977	31	2,140	88	4,752
February .....	2	133	14	1,022	257	11,168	26	2,388	81	2,952
March .....	5	91	13	685	248	8,773	36	1,017	64	1,580
April .....	1	19	1	41	197	9,457	41	1,979	57	2,180
May .....	2	31	6	315	258	9,960	26	1,003	69	3,015
June .....	10	404	10	324	229	7,722	30	1,095	66	2,498
July .....	4	306	11	1,072	191	14,666	26	3,676	46	2,237
August .....	6	242	5	530	197	7,104	26	815	46	1,859
September .....	5	63	9	507	207	8,195	36	1,885	44	1,599
October .....	8	131	8	241	228	8,826	25	1,439	64	2,756
November .....	5	158	8	313	215	7,479	28	1,260	62	1,563
December .....	9	1,226	7	144	173	9,193	24	955	43	1,481
1962-January .....	7	161	15	534	264	8,586	41	1,677	73	2,459
February .....	11	615	18	1,356	262	14,333	35	4,927	90	3,488
March .....	14	194	10	805	312	11,780	38	2,262	94	3,688
April .....	9	363	12	496	256	15,883	35	2,127	55	5,165
May .....	4	46	12	638	237	9,971	34	1,414	64	3,088
June .....	7	222	10	503	234	15,278	27	1,350	58	7,551
July .....	3	57	8	154	257	9,533	40	1,886	66	2,365
August .....	14	431	7	246	274	10,998	37	2,146	72	3,195
September .....	5	79	1	12	248	9,366	24	2,645	57	1,700
October .....	12	376	4	501	308	15,327	43	3,471	105	4,763
November .....	4	535	6	1,295	295	15,787	34	1,931	97	5,575
December .....	4	141	6	642	238	10,610	27	1,486	72	3,025
Twelve months 1961 .....	62	3,094	104	7,246	2,659	116,520	355	19,652	730	28,472
Twelve months 1962 .....	94	3,220	109	7,182	3,185	147,452	415	27,322	903	46,062

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1961					1962				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	7	2	5	19	8	2	3	6	19
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	36	40	22	23	121	28	28	38	30	124
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	17	10	9	61	20	20	11	21	72
50,000 " 100,000 ....	12	8	10	13	43	14	6	12	12	44
Over \$100,000 .....	9	10	12	10	41	19	16	10	21	66
Totals .....	87	82	56	60	285	89	72	74	90	325
<b>Construction</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	10	15	13	49	18	21	12	11	62
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	62	52	38	65	217	73	50	73	65	261
25,000 " 50,000 ....	35	23	14	20	92	26	34	21	28	109
50,000 " 100,000 ....	21	18	12	10	61	14	19	16	24	73
Over \$100,000 .....	12	13	13	13	51	14	14	21	18	67
Totals .....	141	116	92	121	470	145	138	143	146	572
<b>Trade</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	47	40	37	31	155	48	38	28	46	160
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	182	168	160	143	653	221	193	209	208	831
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	62	62	50	237	62	84	80	75	301
50,000 " 100,000 ....	29	22	21	32	104	37	14	35	30	116
Over \$100,000 .....	22	22	29	12	85	28	20	16	23	87
Totals .....	343	314	309	268	1,234	396	349	368	382	1,495
<b>Service</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	26	24	16	20	86	36	16	23	18	93
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	67	52	38	51	208	54	49	59	77	239
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	16	11	14	54	13	20	23	25	81
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	11	10	5	36	8	10	5	11	34
Over \$100,000 .....	5	5	3	5	18	3	8	5	13	29
Totals .....	121	108	78	95	402	114	103	115	144	476
<b>Total Canada</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	100	90	73	81	344	120	83	74	87	364
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	377	343	292	323	1,335	429	351	419	416	1,615
25,000 " 50,000 ....	147	128	100	103	478	133	170	151	169	623
50,000 " 100,000 ....	80	67	62	65	274	78	54	79	82	293
Over \$100,000 .....	60	56	68	44	228	78	69	56	87	290
Totals .....	764	684	595	616	2,659	838	727	779	841	3,185
<b>Quebec</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	73	60	50	62	245	83	55	50	64	252
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	224	192	157	181	754	221	187	229	234	871
25,000 " 50,000 ....	75	52	48	52	227	62	67	78	87	294
50,000 " 100,000 ....	43	35	24	33	135	37	25	35	36	133
Over \$100,000 .....	20	24	25	20	89	33	39	27	43	142
Totals .....	435	363	304	348	1,450	436	373	419	464	1,692
<b>Ontario</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	25	27	18	14	84	25	24	20	21	90
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	120	130	107	108	465	164	124	149	157	594
25,000 " 50,000 ....	56	57	41	39	193	55	79	60	65	259
50,000 " 100,000 ....	29	24	27	21	101	30	19	35	40	124
Over \$100,000 .....	21	20	30	18	89	29	21	28	32	110
Totals .....	251	258	223	200	932	303	267	292	315	1,177

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1961-January .....	54.0	-	41.5	48.4	159.6	171.0	72.9	47.5	57.1	28.9
February .....	43.5	13.1	32.2	67.8	27.2	73.0	107.8	51.6	30.6	22.6
March .....	35.4	109.2	26.3	39.0	30.3	52.7	35.6	39.7	32.9	26.7
April .....	48.0	155.7	32.5	59.9	30.0	41.2	46.8	85.8	43.9	24.1
May .....	38.6	21.3	43.0	30.8	49.3	52.4	40.4	50.8	29.7	31.5
June .....	33.7	92.7	31.3	31.6	32.9	32.4	50.4	36.1	32.9	27.0
July .....	76.8	27.7	41.6	121.6	59.5	97.5	112.4	58.3	62.3	23.6
August .....	36.1	39.6	31.8	37.4	35.1	105.9	78.6	45.6	26.4	32.3
September .....	39.6	157.3	34.8	42.9	36.9	56.3	53.7	34.4	38.0	25.8
October .....	38.7	50.2	37.8	43.6	23.7	30.2	56.3	52.4	28.3	42.1
November .....	34.8	88.2	25.0	49.4	28.3	39.1	50.9	33.0	31.8	45.6
December .....	53.1	909.7	25.3	64.5	131.0	20.6	104.6	95.7	34.3	13.6
1962-January .....	32.5	-	31.4	33.6	32.2	35.6	41.7	35.3	33.1	20.5
February .....	54.7	35.0	40.1	69.6	66.1	75.3	125.8	40.7	46.3	12.7
March .....	37.8	165.2	31.7	41.3	22.7	80.5	77.0	39.9	30.0	23.6
April .....	62.0	28.0	82.4	43.0	38.1	41.3	68.1	61.5	30.7	73.4
May .....	42.1	405.6	39.8	34.6	17.5	53.1	70.8	25.9	24.5	20.0
June .....	65.3	27.2	84.4	46.3	26.0	50.3	190.1	55.0	34.6	32.3
July .....	37.1	39.9	32.9	43.8	49.3	19.2	46.3	65.2	27.2	25.2
August .....	40.1	15.0	34.6	49.7	36.2	35.2	46.1	55.4	35.8	42.4
September .....	37.8	13.2	28.7	53.4	24.3	11.5	55.7	38.4	33.1	17.2
October .....	49.8	18.0	45.7	57.8	29.4	125.2	113.9	41.8	42.1	39.9
November .....	53.5	35.2	47.6	50.7	82.9	216.0	145.2	49.0	36.9	37.1
December .....	44.6	67.2	42.6	43.7	35.2	107.0	48.1	68.3	34.5	57.2
Twelve months 1961 ..	43.8	100.3	33.9	51.9	56.2	69.7	65.6	50.4	37.5	28.9
Twelve months 1962 ..	46.3	80.7	44.5	47.5	37.5	65.9	87.3	47.8	34.2	34.4

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1961-January .....	58	-	44	10	3	1	58	52	6	-
February .....	83	-	59	22	1	1	71	53	13	5
March .....	82	-	69	11	1	1	72	54	11	7
April .....	43	-	27	13	2	1	64	53	9	2
May .....	77	-	52	23	-	2	38	33	3	2
June .....	86	-	63	23	-	-	40	36	2	2
July .....	62	-	40	16	2	4	35	27	8	-
August .....	86	2	63	20	1	-	45	38	4	3
September .....	78	-	55	22	1	-	41	34	6	1
October .....	91	-	59	28	2	2	38	28	8	2
November .....	78	2	53	20	3	-	46	39	6	1
December .....	66	1	46	19	-	-	42	35	4	3
1962-January .....	78	-	53	20	2	3	53	46	6	1
February .....	82	-	46	26	8	2	53	38	11	4
March .....	92	-	64	23	3	2	57	43	11	3
April .....	91	-	54	30	2	5	44	36	5	3
May .....	87	1	49	32	2	3	50	37	11	2
June .....	73	-	49	19	5	-	54	46	8	-
July .....	91	-	52	27	6	6	34	26	6	2
August .....	110	1	66	37	5	1	56	49	6	1
September .....	105	-	67	35	3	-	47	39	8	-
October .....	144	1	89	45	4	5	55	46	7	2
November .....	131	-	76	47	7	1	45	34	10	1
December .....	108	1	70	31	4	2	44	39	3	2
Twelve months 1961 ..	890	5	630	227	16	12	590	482	80	28
Twelve months 1962 ..	1,192	4	735	372	51	30	592	479	92	21



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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

During the first quarter of 1963 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 944, an increase of 25 per cent over the total of 838 for the first quarter of 1962. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$43,224,000 for the first quarter of 1963 an increase of over 24 per cent for the same period of 1962. Average liabilities per failure increased from \$41,408 to \$45,788 in the first quarter comparison.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 448 failures in the first quarter of 1963 as compared with 396 for the same period of 1962. Liabilities rose from \$14,367,000 to \$17,054,000. In the manufacturing industry the number of business failures increased from 89 to 102 and liabilities from \$7,294,000 to \$7,850,000. The number of failures in the construction industry increased from 145 to 172 and liabilities from \$5,640,000 to \$7,561,000 in the first quarter 1962-1963 comparison. In the financial sector the number of failures decreased slightly but the liabilities increased from \$2,980,000 to \$4,427,000. Bankruptcies in the service industry increased from 114 to 129 and the liabilities from \$2,218,000 to \$3,164,000.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 545 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the first quarter of 1963 in comparison with 436 for the same period of 1962. Estimated liabilities rose from \$14,874,000 to \$20,351,000 and average liabilities per failure increased from \$34,115 to \$37,341. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 303 to 323 and liabilities from \$14,357,000 to \$19,421,000 and average liabilities per failure from \$47,383 to \$60,127. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvencies increased from 32 to 49 and liabilities decreased from \$2,008,000 to \$1,192,000. Average liabilities per failure decreased from \$40,980 to \$37,250. In British Columbia the number of failures declined from 43 to 29 and liabilities decreased from \$2,695,000 to \$1,616,000 with average liabilities declining from \$62,674 to \$55,724 in the first quarter 1962-1963 comparison.

#### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicated that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 bracket. Failures in the \$25,000-\$50,000 bracket increased from 133 to 179, and in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range, from 78 to 100. There was a slight increase in the number of failures in the over \$100,000 bracket.

#### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter, 1963 with Comparative Figures for 1962

No.		First Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	14	14	8	14
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	1	-	5	3	6	3
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	9	30	3	2
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	13	12	6	7
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	5	11	1	2
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	2	5	2	4
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	1	1	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	1	3	3	1	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	1	2	3
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	9	7	4	2
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	1	49	73	29	24
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	2	20	34	26	29
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	2	46	52	33	41
17	Total construction industries .....	1	4	66	86	59	70
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	24	22	14	17
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	2	45	54	12	21
20	General merchandise .....	1	-	5	10	4	5
21	Automotive products .....	-	-	51	62	36	40
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	4	35	36	28	32
23	Hardware .....	1	-	14	21	15	18
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	9	23	17	19
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	1	2	-
26	Other trades .....	-	2	38	39	34	24
27	Total trade .....	4	9	198	246	148	159
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	12	11	12	8
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	4	5	1	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	5	2	1	4
31	Business services .....	-	-	13	14	3	5
32	Personal services .....	1	1	48	68	24	18
33	Other services .....	-	-	3	4	4	4
34	Total services .....	1	1	73	93	33	31
35	Totals .....	7	15	436	545	303	323

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter, 1963 with Comparative Figures for 1962

First Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
1962	1963	1962	1963	Number		Liabilities		
				1962	1963	1962	1963	
						\$' 000	\$' 000	
2	1	2	-	26	29	776	1,887	1
1	-	1	-	14	6	915	123	2
-	1	-	-	2	1	124	47	3
-	-	1	-	13	32	1,641	1,423	4
1	-	3	-	23	19	1,700	2,554	5
-	-	1	-	7	13	373	542	6
-	-	-	1	4	10	385	1,316	7
-	-	-	-	1	-	43	-	8
-	-	-	1	1	1	68	21	9
1	-	1	-	4	1	931	19	10
-	-	-	-	5	5	380	921	11
-	-	-	-	2	4	76	217	12
-	-	-	1	13	10	658	667	13
3	1	7	3	89	102	7,294	7,850	14
4	3	4	3	55	71	3,007	4,769	15
9	1	2	5	90	101	2,633	2,792	16
13	4	6	8	145	172	5,640	7,561	17
3	2	3	2	44	43	1,425	1,281	18
5	1	3	1	66	79	3,676	2,347	19
-	1	-	1	10	17	714	452	20
6	7	3	1	96	110	2,407	2,125	21
1	3	6	2	71	77	1,959	5,170	22
7	4	3	1	40	44	1,833	3,304	23
2	3	5	1	33	47	1,190	1,635	24
1	-	-	-	4	1	88	15	25
1	1	3	7	76	73	2,500	2,006	26
23	20	23	14	396	448	14,367	17,054	27
-	1	-	1	24	21	2,980	4,427	28
-	-	-	-	5	5	37	86	29
-	-	1	-	7	6	128	214	30
-	1	-	1	16	21	430	556	31
4	1	1	-	78	88	1,511	2,196	32
1	1	-	-	8	9	112	112	33
5	3	2	1	114	129	2,218	3,164	34
49	32	43	29	838	944	34,700	43,224	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Total			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries												Construction						
						Total			Wood industries including furniture			Primary and fabricated metals industries			Machinery industries			Transportation equipment						
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			
1962-January...			264	8,586		6	305		29	1,210		5	195		1	14		1	43		-		39	1,376
February...			262	14,334		6	98		30	3,775		10	1,224		-	-		-	-		-		44	1,789
March....			312	11,780		14	373		30	2,309		8	281		3	371		-	-		1	68	62	2,475
April.....			256	15,883		7	2,556		25	1,703		5	89		4	507		-	-		-		50	3,075
May.....			237	9,971		6	365		19	1,344		6	670		4	518		-	-		-		41	1,060
June.....			234	15,278		4	129		28	5,324		5	137		1	18		1	73		1	370	47	2,584
July.....			258	9,530		10	366		26	1,215		10	256		3	179		-	-		2	38	43	2,805
August....			274	11,562		12	314		27	1,245		13	713		1	15		-	-		-		50	2,779
September.			248	9,358		5	103		21	1,169		6	110		-	-		-	-		-		50	1,918
October...			309	16,651		9	367		31	3,530		9	1,794		4	273		-	-		-		50	2,076
November..			297	16,981		8	324		28	4,521		5	892		5	1,260		-	-		4	1,707	60	3,115
December..			239	10,755		6	157		32	1,524		1	12		3	195		-	-		-		37	2,536
1963-January...			331	13,281		4	433		37	2,875		6	700		-	906		-	-		-		69	3,574
February..			286	13,863		10	250		31	2,340		7	854		2	116		-	-		1	21	47	1,405
March.....			327	16,080		15	1,204		34	2,635		6	1,000		4	294		-	-		-		56	2,582
April.....																								
May.....																								
June.....																								
July.....																								
August....																								
September.																								
October...																								
November..																								
December..																								
Three months																								
1962.....			838	34,700		26	776		89	7,294		23	1,700		4	385		1	43		1	68	145	5,640
Three months																								
1963.....			944	43,224		29	1,887		102	7,850		19	2,554		10	1,316		-	-		1	21	172	7,561

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances			Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1962-January.....	14	219	131	4,341	14	547			12	391	39	800
February.....	10	339	128	5,921	26	2,643		733	12	512	32	405
March.....	20	867	137	4,105	26	486			9	287	43	1,013
April.....	9	325	114	3,501	17	874		401	16	572	44	3,228
May.....	11	1,320	121	2,964	21	309		291	10	267	36	719
June.....	12	323	114	3,941	22	434		446	12	505	23	744
July.....	9	310	123	3,331	16	256		446	22	511	37	933
August.....	13	826	128	4,570	22	445		498	17	448	40	1,710
September.....	9	156	117	3,866	18	599		587	11	312	38	653
October.....	12	607	140	7,156	18	478		93	19	862	61	2,474
November.....	13	380	128	5,170	24	1,421		499	24	801	51	1,908
December.....	11	295	115	4,061	13	332		251	15	407	33	1,887
1963-January.....	8	225	156	4,241	28	663		586	17	406	52	1,257
February.....	18	475	139	8,503	25	1,184		3,231	21	954	39	817
March.....	17	581	153	4,310	26	500		1,353	9	275	38	1,090
April.....												
May.....												
June.....												
July.....												
August.....												
September.....												
October.....												
November.....												
December.....												
Three months 1962 .....	44	1,425	396	14,367	66	3,676	71	1,959	33	1,190	114	2,218
Three months 1963 .....	43	1,281	448	17,054	79	2,347	77	5,170	47	1,635	129	3,164

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1962-January .....	-	-	134	4,202	103	3,463	1	48	4	178
February .....	3	105	130	5,212	93	6,471	5	496	2	79
March .....	4	661	172	5,460	107	4,423	3	228	2	9
April .....	3	84	128	10,548	92	3,956	11	431	1	5
May .....	3	1,217	122	4,858	88	3,048	3	114	5	50
June .....	2	54	123	10,379	87	4,030	3	76	2	14
July .....	3	86	143	4,701	97	4,245	1	181	3	107
August .....	1	15	144	5,551	99	4,917	5	350	4	52
September .....	2	26	132	3,780	96	5,127	5	122	7	211
October .....	6	101	163	8,562	116	6,702	4	92	4	121
November .....	5	149	158	8,292	116	5,880	6	438	2	23
December .....	1	67	145	6,180	83	3,626	-	-	-	-
1963-January .....	5	253	188	5,442	120	6,999	5	59	-	-
February .....	7	305	162	6,356	100	6,519	5	222	2	68
March .....	3	86	195	8,553	103	5,903	4	99	5	63
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1962 .....	7	766	436	14,874	303	14,357	9	772	8	266
Three months 1963 .....	15	644	545	20,351	323	19,421	14	380	7	131
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1962-January .....	7	161	15	534	264	8,586	41	1,677	73	2,459
February .....	11	615	18	1,356	262	14,334	35	4,927	90	3,488
March .....	14	194	10	805	312	11,780	38	2,262	94	3,688
April .....	9	363	12	496	256	15,883	35	2,127	55	5,165
May .....	4	46	12	638	237	9,971	34	1,414	64	3,088
June .....	7	222	10	503	234	15,278	27	1,350	58	7,551
July .....	3	57	8	154	258	9,530	40	1,886	66	2,347
August .....	14	431	7	246	274	11,562	37	2,146	72	3,733
September .....	5	79	1	12	248	9,358	24	2,645	57	1,691
October .....	12	572	4	501	309	16,651	43	3,471	105	5,878
November .....	4	903	6	1,296	297	16,981	34	3,471	97	6,300
December .....	4	141	6	741	239	10,755	27	1,486	72	3,084
1963-January .....	2	203	11	325	331	13,281	47	2,600	109	3,190
February .....	3	265	7	128	286	13,863	27	3,991	86	3,347
March .....	6	213	11	1,163	327	16,080	37	3,669	102	4,785
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1962 .....	32	970	43	2,695	838	34,700	114	8,866	257	9,635
Three months 1963 .....	11	681	29	1,616	944	43,224	111	10,260	297	11,322



TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1962					1963				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	2	3	6	19	6				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	28	28	39	30	125	37				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	20	9	21	70	22				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	6	13	12	45	15				
Over \$100,000 .....	19	16	10	22	67	22				
Totals .....	89	72	74	91	326	102				
<b>Construction</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	21	12	11	62	15				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	73	50	73	66	262	80				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	34	21	27	108	45				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	19	16	24	73	20				
Over \$100,000 .....	14	14	21	19	68	12				
Totals .....	145	138	143	147	573	172				
<b>Trade</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	48	38	28	46	160	49				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	193	209	207	830	249				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	62	84	80	73	299	79				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	14	35	32	118	46				
Over \$100,000 .....	28	20	16	25	89	25				
Totals .....	396	349	368	383	1,496	448				
<b>Service</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	36	16	23	18	93	22				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	54	49	59	78	240	75				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	20	23	25	81	16				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	10	5	11	34	9				
Over \$100,000 .....	3	8	5	13	29	7				
Totals .....	114	103	115	145	477	129				
<b>Total Canada</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	120	83	74	87	364	97				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	429	351	421	417	1,618	488				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	133	170	148	167	618	179				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	78	54	80	83	295	100				
Over \$100,000 .....	78	69	57	91	295	80				
Totals .....	838	727	780	845	3,190	944				
<b>Quebec</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	83	55	50	64	252	68				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	187	230	232	870	296				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	62	67	75	88	292	88				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	25	36	37	135	53				
Over \$100,000 .....	33	39	28	45	145	40				
Totals .....	436	373	419	466	1,694	545				
<b>Ontario</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	25	24	20	21	90	28				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	164	124	149	157	594	151				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	79	60	65	259	70				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	30	19	35	40	124	40				
Over \$100,000 .....	29	21	28	32	110	34				
Totals .....	303	267	292	315	1,177	323				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1962-January .....	32.5	-	31.4	33.6	32.2	35.6	41.7	35.3	33.1	20.5
February .....	54.7	35.0	40.1	69.6	66.1	75.3	125.8	40.7	46.3	12.7
March .....	37.8	165.2	31.7	41.3	22.7	80.5	77.0	39.9	30.0	23.6
April .....	62.0	28.0	82.4	43.0	38.1	41.3	68.1	61.5	30.7	73.4
May .....	42.1	405.6	39.8	34.6	17.5	53.1	70.8	25.9	24.5	20.0
June .....	65.3	27.2	84.4	46.3	26.0	50.3	190.1	55.0	34.6	32.3
July .....	36.9	28.6	32.9	43.8	49.3	19.2	46.7	65.2	27.1	25.2
August .....	42.2	15.0	38.5	49.7	36.2	35.2	46.1	55.6	35.7	42.8
September .....	37.7	13.2	28.6	53.4	24.3	11.5	55.7	38.4	33.0	17.2
October .....	53.9	16.8	52.5	57.8	39.3	125.2	113.9	41.5	51.1	40.6
November .....	57.2	29.9	52.5	50.7	113.7	216.0	161.5	51.9	40.4	37.4
December .....	45.0	67.2	42.6	43.7	35.2	123.5	47.6	68.6	35.3	57.2
1963-January .....	40.1	50.6	28.9	58.3	37.4	29.5	77.7	51.8	27.2	24.2
February .....	48.5	43.6	39.2	65.2	56.0	18.3	75.5	29.9	61.2	20.9
March .....	49.2	28.7	43.9	57.3	25.0	105.7	77.5	46.1	28.2	28.7
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three Months 1962 ...	41.4	109.4	34.1	47.4	41.0	62.7	82.0	38.9	36.3	19.5
Three months 1963 ...	45.8	42.9	37.3	60.1	37.2	55.7	77.0	44.0	38.1	24.5

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1962-January .....	78	-	53	20	2	3	53	46	6	1
February .....	82	-	46	26	8	2	53	38	11	4
March .....	92	-	64	23	3	2	57	43	11	3
April .....	91	-	54	30	2	5	44	36	5	3
May .....	87	1	49	32	2	3	50	37	11	2
June .....	73	-	49	19	5	-	54	46	8	-
July .....	91	-	52	27	6	6	34	26	6	2
August .....	110	1	66	37	5	1	56	49	6	1
September .....	105	-	67	35	3	-	47	39	8	-
October .....	144	1	89	45	4	5	55	46	7	2
November .....	131	-	76	47	7	1	45	34	10	1
December .....	108	1	70	31	4	2	44	39	3	2
1963-January .....	80	1	52	23	4	-	55	48	3	4
February .....	115	1	54	51	6	2	53	37	10	6
March .....	146	3	80	54	3	6	62	50	10	2
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1962 ...	252	-	163	69	13	7	163	127	28	8
Three months 1963 ...	340	5	186	128	13	8	170	135	23	12

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

According to preliminary figures, the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 905 during the second quarter of 1963, a 24.5 per cent increase over the total of 727 failures for the second quarter of 1962. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities increased from \$41,132,000 to \$50,750,000 in the second quarter comparison. Average liabilities per failure showed little change.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies were in the trade sector with 413 recorded in this industry as compared with 349 during the same period of 1962. Liabilities rose from \$10,405,000 to \$16,826,000. In the manufacturing industry the number of business failures increased from 72 to 86 but the liabilities were \$7,106,000 as compared with \$8,371,000 for the second quarter of 1962. The number of failures in the construction industry increased from 138 to 169 and the liabilities from \$6,719,000 to \$10,527,000 in the second quarter 1962-1963 comparison. In the financial sector the number of bankruptcies increased from 16 to 28 and the liabilities from 5,926,000 to \$8,603,000. Bankruptcies in the service industry increased from 103 to 155 and the liabilities from \$4,691,000 to \$6,100,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Area

There were 472 business failures recorded in Quebec during the second quarter of 1963 as compared with 373 for the same period of 1962. Estimated liabilities declined from \$25,784,000 to \$23,401,000 and average liabilities per failure decreased from \$69,127 to \$49,578. In Ontario the number of bankruptcies increased from 267 to 365 and liabilities from \$11,034,000 to \$22,580,000 and average liabilities per failure from \$41,328 to \$61,863. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvencies in the second quarter of 1963 was 36 as compared with 45 for the same period of 1962. Liabilities increased from 1,322,000 to 2,865,000 and average liabilities from \$29,379 to \$79,575. In British Columbia the number of business failures declined from 34 to 20. Liabilities decreased from \$1,636,000 to \$1,284,000 and the average liabilities per failure increased from \$48,113 to \$64,199. In the Atlantic Provinces the number of business failures increased from 8 to 12 but the defaulted liabilities decreased from \$1,355,000 to \$620,000 with average liabilities per failure of \$51,701 in the second quarter of 1963 as compared with \$169,386 for the same quarter of 1962.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate the greatest number of bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 bracket. Failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 bracket increased from 54 to 81 and in the \$100,000 and over, from 69 to 100.

Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter, 1963 With Comparative Figures for 1962

No.		Second Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	12	12	5	9
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	1	-	3	4	5
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	11	12	1	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	11	12	3	5
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	3	8	4	4
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	4	5	4	6
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	1	1	2
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	2	3	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	10	6	1	6
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	1	42	52	23	31
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	-	2	26	23	25	31
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	2	45	47	24	52
17	Total construction industries .....	1	4	71	70	49	83
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	-	11	16	13	10
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	-	39	40	14	27
20	General merchandise .....	2	1	8	7	4	6
21	Automotive products .....	1	1	45	69	31	44
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	1	18	26	24	17
23	Hardware .....	-	1	15	20	13	19
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	1	9	21	19	21
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	2	1	2
26	Other trades .....	-	1	28	33	32	25
27	Total trade .....	6	6	163	218	138	161
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	1	9	14	4	12
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	2	3	-	1
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	4	8	4	2
31	Business services .....	-	-	8	15	5	8
32	Personal services .....	-	-	48	60	23	42
33	Other services .....	-	-	3	4	3	6
34	Total services .....	-	-	65	90	35	59
35	Totals .....	8	12	373	472	267	365

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter, 1963 with Comparative Figures for 1962

Second Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962 \$'000	1963 \$'000	
-	-	-	2	17	23	3,051	775	1
-	-	1	-	5	9	152	170	2
-	-	-	-	1	1	5	19	3
1	-	-	-	13	13	782	1,707	4
-	-	2	1	16	18	897	859	5
-	-	1	1	8	13	2,984	244	6
1	-	-	-	9	11	1,042	971	7
-	-	-	-	1	1	73	710	8
-	-	-	-	1	2	370	73	9
-	-	-	-	1	3	399	220	10
-	-	-	-	5	2	966	409	11
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	25	12
1	-	-	-	12	12	701	1,699	13
3	-	4	2	72	86	8,371	7,106	14
5	4	3	1	59	61	3,838	5,169	15
6	3	3	4	79	108	2,881	5,358	16
11	7	6	5	138	169	6,719	10,527	17
4	5	3	-	32	31	1,969	813	18
4	1	2	-	60	68	1,617	1,970	19
1	2	-	-	15	16	538	784	20
8	6	2	3	87	123	1,861	4,000	21
-	1	2	3	45	48	1,139	3,679	22
2	2	8	-	38	42	1,909	2,619	23
7	1	2	1	38	45	1,345	1,664	24
-	1	-	-	2	5	43	126	25
-	5	4	2	64	66	1,953	1,984	26
22	19	20	9	349	413	10,405	16,826	27
3	-	-	1	16	28	5,926	8,603	28
-	3	-	-	2	7	39	607	29
-	-	-	-	8	10	347	1,018	30
-	-	-	-	13	23	379	1,036	31
2	2	1	1	74	105	3,741	3,313	32
-	-	-	-	6	10	185	126	33
2	5	1	1	103	155	4,691	6,100	34
45	36	34	20	727	905	41,132	50,750	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Total			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries												Construction	
						Total				Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment			
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	
\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1962-January...	264	8,586	6	305		29	1,210		5	195	1	14		1	43			39	1,376
February..	262	14,334	6	98		30	3,775		10	1,224								44	1,789
March.....	312	11,780	14	373		30	2,309		8	281	3	371					1	62	2,475
April.....	256	15,883	7	2,556		25	1,703		5	89	4	507						50	3,075
May.....	237	9,971	6	365		19	1,344		6	670	4	518						41	1,060
June.....	234	15,278	4	129		28	5,324		5	137	1	18		1	73		1	47	2,584
July.....	258	9,530	10	366		26	1,215		10	256	3	179					2	43	2,805
August....	274	11,562	12	314		27	1,245		13	713	1	15						50	2,779
September.	248	9,358	5	103		21	1,169		6	110								50	1,918
October...	309	16,651	9	367		31	3,530		9	1,794	4	273					4	50	2,076
November..	297	16,981	8	324		28	4,521		5	892	5	1,260						60	3,115
December..	239	10,755	6	157		32	1,524		1	12	3	195						37	2,536
1963-January...	331	13,260	4	414		37	2,922		6	700		906						69	3,574
February..	286	14,052	10	286		31	2,340		7	854	2	116					1	47	1,407
March.....	328	17,954	15	1,204		34	2,635		6	1,000	4	294						56	2,860
April.....	296	21,702	8	464		30	3,891		7	584	3	312		1	710		2	56	3,313
May.....	304	15,749	9	224		36	2,458		7	177	6	571						61	4,682
June.....	305	13,299	6	87		20	758		4	98	2	88						52	2,533
July.....																			
August....																			
September.																			
October...																			
November..																			
December..																			
Six months 1962 .....	1,565	75,832	43	3,826		161	15,665		39	2,596	13	1,428		2	116		2	283	12,359
Six months 1963 .....	1,850	96,016	52	2,679		188	15,004		37	3,413	21	2,287		1	710		3	341	18,369

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service	
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1962-January.....	14	219	4,341	14	547	26	733	12	391	39	800
February.....	10	339	5,921	26	2,643	25	690	12	512	32	405
March.....	20	867	4,105	26	486	20	536	9	287	43	1,013
April.....	9	325	3,501	17	874	12	401	16	572	44	3,228
May.....	11	1,320	2,964	21	309	18	291	10	267	36	719
June.....	12	323	3,941	22	434	15	446	12	505	23	744
July.....	9	310	3,331	16	256	18	446	22	511	37	933
August.....	13	826	4,570	22	445	18	498	17	448	40	1,710
September.....	9	156	3,866	18	599	13	587	11	312	38	653
October.....	12	607	7,156	18	478	5	93	19	862	61	2,474
November.....	13	380	5,170	24	1,421	13	499	24	801	51	1,908
December.....	11	295	4,061	13	332	15	251	15	407	33	1,887
1963-January.....	8	225	4,246	28	668	24	586	17	406	52	1,248
February.....	18	475	8,642	25	1,334	22	3,223	21	954	39	829
March.....	17	581	5,501	26	492	31	1,416	9	275	38	1,171
April.....	7	97	8,064	28	634	16	3,134	15	645	49	2,056
May.....	9	269	4,994	19	1,031	14	300	16	460	49	1,568
June.....	15	447	3,768	21	305	18	245	14	559	57	2,477
July.....											
August.....											
September.....											
October.....											
November.....											
December.....											
Six months 1962 .....	76	3,393	24,773	126	5,293	116	3,097	71	2,534	217	6,909
Six months 1963 .....	74	2,094	35,215	147	4,464	125	8,904	92	3,299	284	9,349

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1962-January .....	-	-	134	4,202	103	3,463	1	48	4	178
February .....	3	105	130	5,212	93	6,471	5	496	2	79
March .....	4	661	172	5,460	107	4,423	3	228	2	9
April .....	3	84	128	10,548	92	3,956	11	431	1	5
May .....	3	1,217	122	4,858	88	3,048	3	114	5	50
June .....	2	54	123	10,379	87	4,030	3	76	2	14
July .....	3	86	143	4,701	97	4,245	1	181	3	107
August .....	1	15	144	5,551	99	4,917	5	350	4	52
September .....	2	26	132	3,780	96	5,127	5	122	7	211
October .....	6	101	163	8,562	116	6,702	4	92	4	121
November .....	5	149	158	8,292	116	5,880	6	438	2	23
December .....	1	67	145	6,180	83	3,626	-	-	-	-
1963-January .....	5	253	188	5,421	120	6,999	5	59	-	-
February .....	7	305	162	6,545	100	6,519	5	222	2	68
March .....	4	110	195	9,558	103	6,368	4	99	5	63
April .....	2	134	155	11,303	115	8,142	4	653	4	40
May .....	7	365	148	6,366	135	8,370	-	-	6	118
June .....	3	121	169	5,732	115	6,067	4	862	3	41
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1962 .....	15	2,121	809	40,659	570	25,391	26	1,393	16	335
Six months 1963 .....	28	1,288	1,017	44,925	688	42,465	22	1,895	20	330
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1962-January .....	7	161	15	534	264	8,586	41	1,677	73	2,459
February .....	11	615	18	1,356	262	14,334	35	4,927	90	3,488
March .....	14	194	10	805	312	11,780	38	2,262	94	3,688
April .....	9	363	12	496	256	15,883	35	2,127	55	5,165
May .....	4	46	12	638	237	9,971	34	1,414	64	3,088
June .....	7	222	10	503	234	15,278	27	1,350	58	7,551
July .....	3	57	8	154	258	9,530	40	1,886	66	2,347
August .....	14	431	7	246	274	11,562	37	2,146	72	3,733
September .....	5	79	1	12	248	9,358	24	2,645	57	1,691
October .....	12	572	4	501	309	16,651	43	3,471	105	5,878
November .....	4	903	6	1,296	297	16,981	34	3,471	97	6,300
December .....	4	141	6	741	239	10,755	27	1,486	72	3,084
1963-January .....	2	203	11	325	331	13,260	47	2,600	109	3,187
February .....	3	265	7	128	286	14,052	27	3,991	86	3,534
March .....	6	533	11	1,223	328	17,954	37	3,945	102	5,786
April .....	7	898	9	532	296	21,702	43	4,933	96	8,767
May .....	1	124	7	406	304	15,749	40	3,917	75	3,293
June .....	7	130	4	346	305	13,299	51	3,411	87	3,527
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1962 .....	52	1,601	77	4,332	1,565	75,832	210	13,757	434	25,439
Six months 1963 .....	26	2,153	49	2,960	1,850	96,016	245	22,797	555	28,094

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1962					1963				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	2	3	6	19	6	6			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	28	28	39	30	125	36	29			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	20	9	21	70	22	24			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	6	13	12	45	16	12			
Over \$100,000 .....	19	16	10	22	67	22	15			
Totals .....	89	72	74	91	326	102	86			
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	21	12	11	62	15	13			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	73	50	73	66	262	79	80			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	34	21	27	108	45	35			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	19	16	24	73	20	17			
Over \$100,000 .....	14	14	21	19	68	13	24			
Totals .....	145	138	143	147	573	172	169			
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	48	38	28	46	160	52	36			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	193	209	207	830	243	235			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	62	84	80	73	299	81	80			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	14	35	32	118	46	29			
Over \$100,000 .....	28	20	16	25	89	27	33			
Totals .....	396	349	368	383	1,496	449	413			
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	36	16	23	18	93	23	22			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	54	49	59	78	240	75	84			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	20	23	25	81	13	22			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	10	5	11	34	10	16			
Over \$100,000 .....	3	8	5	13	29	8	11			
Totals .....	114	103	115	145	477	129	155			
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	120	83	74	87	364	102	87			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	429	351	421	417	1,618	480	469			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	133	170	148	167	618	177	168			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	78	54	80	83	295	100	81			
Over \$100,000 .....	78	69	57	91	295	86	100			
Totals .....	838	727	780	845	3,190	945	905			
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	83	55	50	64	252	73	62			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	187	230	232	870	291	239			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	62	67	75	88	292	86	90			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	25	36	37	135	53	36			
Over \$100,000 .....	33	39	28	45	145	42	45			
Totals .....	436	373	419	466	1,694	545	472			
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	25	24	20	21	90	28	23			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	164	124	149	157	594	148	197			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	79	60	65	259	71	65			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	30	19	35	40	124	40	38			
Over \$100,000 .....	29	21	28	32	110	36	42			
Totals .....	303	267	292	315	1,177	323	365			

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1962-January .....	32.5	-	31.4	33.6	32.2	35.6	41.7	35.3	33.1	20.5
February .....	54.7	35.0	40.1	69.6	66.1	75.3	125.8	40.7	46.3	12.7
March .....	37.8	165.2	31.7	41.3	22.7	80.5	77.0	39.9	30.0	23.6
April .....	62.0	28.0	82.4	43.0	38.1	41.3	68.1	61.5	30.7	73.4
May .....	42.1	405.6	39.8	34.6	17.5	53.1	70.8	25.9	24.5	20.0
June .....	65.3	27.2	84.4	46.3	26.0	50.3	190.1	55.0	34.6	32.3
July .....	36.9	28.6	32.9	43.8	49.3	19.2	46.7	65.2	27.1	25.2
August .....	42.2	15.0	38.5	49.7	36.2	35.2	46.1	55.6	35.7	42.8
September .....	37.7	13.2	28.6	53.4	24.3	11.5	55.7	38.4	33.0	17.2
October .....	53.9	16.8	52.5	57.8	39.3	125.2	113.9	41.5	51.1	40.6
November .....	57.2	29.9	52.5	50.7	113.7	216.0	161.5	51.9	40.4	37.4
December .....	45.0	67.2	42.6	43.7	35.2	123.5	47.6	68.6	35.3	57.2
1963-January .....	40.1	50.6	28.8	58.3	37.4	29.5	79.0	51.8	27.2	24.0
February .....	49.1	43.6	40.4	65.2	55.5	18.3	75.5	29.9	62.2	21.3
March .....	54.7	27.5	49.0	61.8	46.4	111.2	77.5	51.1	35.7	30.8
April .....	73.3	67.0	72.9	70.8	106.0	59.1	129.7	59.2	57.6	41.9
May .....	51.8	52.1	43.0	62.0	34.6	58.0	68.2	76.8	37.8	32.0
June .....	43.6	40.3	33.9	52.8	73.7	86.5	37.9	48.7	26.7	43.5
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1962 .....	48.5	141.4	50.3	44.5	35.4	56.3	97.3	43.7	33.3	31.8
Six months 1963 .....	51.9	46.0	44.2	61.7	64.4	60.4	79.8	28.3	40.9	32.9

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1962-January .....	78	-	53	20	2	3	53	46	6	1
February .....	82	-	46	26	8	2	53	38	11	4
March .....	92	-	64	23	3	2	57	43	11	3
April .....	91	-	54	30	2	5	44	36	5	3
May .....	87	1	49	32	2	3	50	37	11	2
June .....	73	-	49	19	5	-	54	46	8	-
July .....	91	-	52	27	6	6	34	26	6	2
August .....	110	1	66	37	5	1	56	49	6	1
September .....	105	-	67	35	3	-	47	39	8	-
October .....	144	1	89	45	4	5	55	46	7	2
November .....	131	-	76	47	/	1	45	34	10	1
December .....	108	1	70	31	4	2	44	39	3	2
1963-January .....	80	1	52	23	4	-	54	47	3	4
February .....	114	1	54	51	6	2	53	37	10	6
March .....	146	3	80	54	3	6	62	50	10	2
April .....	134	-	79	48	4	3	50	43	4	3
May .....	143	-	64	68	6	5	48	37	4	7
June .....	100	-	49	45	3	3	53	45	2	6
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1962 .....	503	1	315	150	22	15	311	246	52	13
Six months 1963 .....	717	5	378	289	26	19	320	259	33	28



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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

During the third quarter of 1963 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 824, an increase of 5.6 per cent over the revised total of 780 insolvencies recorded for the third quarter of 1962. The estimated total defaulted liabilities was \$42,656,000 for the third quarter of 1963 an increase of 39.4 per cent over the total of \$30,600,000 for the same period of 1962. Average liabilities per failure rose sharply to \$51,767 from \$39,231 in the third quarter 1963-62 comparison. The increase in liabilities is due largely to failures in the manufacturing, finance and service industries.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector. The number of failures in this industry declined from 368 to 327 but the liabilities increased in the third quarter 1963-62 comparison. Bankruptcies numbered 170 in the construction industry and 86 in the manufacturing industry. This was an increase of 18.9 per cent in the construction industry. Although the number of failures in the manufacturing industry increased only slightly, the sharp increase in liabilities was due largely to the primary and fabricated metal, machinery and miscellaneous industries. The financial sector also showed a current liability value of almost triple that in the corresponding quarter of 1962 although the number of failures increased slightly.

### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 447 bankruptcies in Quebec during the third quarter of 1963 in comparison with 419 recorded for the same months of 1962. Estimated liabilities rose from \$14,124,000 to \$18,612,000 in the 1963-1962 comparison, with average liabilities increasing from \$33,709 to \$41,638. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 292 to 311 and the average liabilities from \$49,134 to \$63,839. The number of bankruptcies in the Prairie Provinces decreased from 47 to 33 but the average liabilities increased from \$33,830 to \$40,121. In British Columbia the number of failures remained the same in the third quarter comparison but the average liabilities increased from \$25,750 to \$89,750.

### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 bracket. Failures in the \$100,000 and over range increased from 58 to 87.

### Coverage

The statistics in this report are limited to bankruptcies made under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and do not include failures, sales or seizures carried out apart from such federal legislation. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included with the bankruptcy data, but when proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter, 1963 with Comparative Figures for 1962

No.		Third quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	4	-	14	15	7	9
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	1	2	4	6	3
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	2
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) ..	-	-	4	3	1	2
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	19	10	9	7
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	6	8	3	1
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	2	7	2	7
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	3
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	2
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	-	1	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	-	2	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	1	-	2	-	3
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	5	9	3	7
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	2	43	44	29	37
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	-	2	30	29	25	16
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	1	46	68	27	43
17	Total construction industries .....	-	3	76	97	52	59
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	23	25	6	17
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	-	3	37	38	14	19
20	General merchandise .....	-	2	1	5	8	2
21	Automotive products .....	-	2	54	49	38	33
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	18	16	25	24
23	Hardware .....	-	-	20	15	14	12
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	-	25	19	23	19
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	1	-	2
26	Other trades .....	1	2	27	22	28	18
27	Total trade .....	1	9	183	165	150	129
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	1	14	18	8	5
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	1	2	2
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	4	7	3	4
31	Business services .....	-	-	9	11	3	8
32	Personal services .....	1	2	42	61	29	33
33	Other services .....	-	-	8	3	3	8
34	Total services .....	1	2	66	83	40	55
35	Totals .....	6	17	419	447	292	311

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter, 1963 with Comparative Figures for 1962

Third quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
1962	1963	1962	1963	Number		Liabilities		
				1962	1963	1962	1963	
						\$'000	\$'000	
1	4	1	-	27	28	785	743	1
1	-	-	-	9	8	774	173	2
-	-	-	-	2	2	111	251	3
-	-	-	-	5	5	173	427	4
1	-	-	-	29	17	1,083	1,027	5
-	-	-	-	9	9	227	278	6
1	1	-	-	4	15	194	2,317	7
-	-	-	1	-	5	-	1,589	8
-	-	-	-	2	2	38	144	9
-	-	-	-	3	-	423	-	10
-	1	-	-	3	1	139	317	11
-	-	-	-	-	6	-	464	12
-	-	-	-	8	16	467	1,631	13
2	2	-	1	74	86	3,629	8,618	14
6	5	2	1	63	53	4,889	3,769	15
3	4	4	1	80	117	2,660	3,520	16
9	9	6	2	143	170	7,549	7,289	17
2	1	-	-	31	43	1,295	772	18
3	1	2	2	56	63	1,329	1,197	19
4	1	-	-	13	10	1,791	367	20
9	6	-	3	101	93	2,537	2,032	21
3	1	3	2	49	43	1,530	1,122	22
2	-	1	3	37	30	1,671	5,104	23
2	1	-	-	50	39	1,272	1,351	24
-	-	-	-	1	3	58	136	25
3	3	2	1	61	46	1,678	1,303	26
26	13	8	11	368	327	11,866	12,612	27
-	-	-	1	22	25	2,179	6,102	28
-	-	-	-	5	3	108	62	29
1	-	-	-	8	11	796	1,797	30
-	1	-	-	12	20	545	848	31
5	2	1	1	78	99	1,577	3,668	32
1	1	-	-	12	12	271	145	33
7	4	1	1	115	145	3,297	6,520	34
47	33	16	16	780	824	30,600	42,656	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

Total			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries												Construction							
						Total			Wood industries including furniture			Primary and fabricated metals industries			Machinery industries			Transportation equipment							
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.			
\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000				
1962-January...			264	8,665		6	305		29	1,210		5	195		1	14		1	43		-	-		39	1,474
February...			262	14,196		6	98		30	3,779		10	1,227		-	-		-	-		-	-		44	1,645
March....			312	11,925		14	373		30	2,309		8	281		3	371		-	-		1	68		62	2,618
April.....			256	14,703		7	1,352		25	1,703		5	89		4	507		-	-		-	-		50	3,075
May.....			237	10,076		6	365		19	1,344		6	671		4	518		-	-		-	-		41	1,060
June.....			234	15,286		4	129		28	5,321		5	137		1	18		1	73		1	370		47	2,584
July.....			258	9,541		10	366		26	1,225		10	266		3	179		-	-		2	38		43	2,805
August....			274	11,659		12	314		27	1,245		13	713		1	15		-	-		-	-		50	2,779
September.			248	9,401		5	105		21	1,160		6	104		-	-		-	-		-	-		50	1,965
October...			309	16,570		9	383		31	3,530		9	1,794		4	273		-	-		-	-		50	2,085
November..			297	16,532		8	324		28	4,521		5	892		5	1,260		-	-		4	1,707		60	3,117
December..			239	10,886		6	156		32	1,627		1	12		3	195		-	-		-	-		37	2,542
1963-January...			331	13,351		4	414		37	2,973		6	700		4	906		-	-		-	-		69	3,606
February...			286	14,066		10	286		31	2,340		7	854		2	116		-	-		1	21		47	1,453
March....			328	18,059		15	1,204		34	2,750		6	1,095		4	294		-	-		-	-		56	2,860
April.....			296	21,725		8	464		30	3,891		7	584		3	312		1	710		2	73		56	3,313
May.....			304	15,798		9	224		36	2,494		7	177		6	584		-	-		-	-		61	4,693
June.....			305	13,607		6	116		20	1,022		4	98		2	89		-	-		-	-		52	2,533
July.....			280	19,378		8	287		30	4,074		6	562		3	614		2	813		-	-		46	2,357
August....			269	11,270		8	131		30	3,164		5	223		4	1,199		2	534		1	115		55	2,313
September.			275	12,008		12	325		26	1,380		6	242		8	504		1	242		1	29		69	2,619
October...																									
November..																									
December..																									
Nine months			2,345	105,452		70	3,407		235	19,296		68	3,683		17	1,622		2	116		4	476		426	20,005
1962 .....																									
Nine months			2,674	139,262		80	3,451		274	24,068		54	4,535		36	4,618		6	2,299		5	238		511	25,747
1963 .....																									

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.	
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1962-January.....	14	219	4,322	14	547	26	733	12	391	39	800	
February.....	10	339	5,924	26	2,643	25	690	12	512	32	405	
March.....	20	867	4,104	26	486	20	536	9	288	43	1,015	
April.....	9	325	3,505	17	874	12	401	16	572	44	3,249	
May.....	11	1,320	3,069	21	309	18	300	10	267	36	718	
June.....	12	323	3,952	22	434	15	446	12	505	23	744	
July.....	9	310	3,331	16	256	18	446	22	511	37	933	
August.....	13	826	4,667	22	474	18	498	17	448	40	1,711	
September.....	9	159	3,868	18	599	13	587	11	312	38	653	
October.....	12	410	7,244	18	478	5	93	19	861	61	2,478	
November.....	13	380	4,719	24	1,421	13	499	24	801	51	1,908	
December.....	11	295	4,082	13	327	15	251	15	410	33	1,889	
1963-January.....	8	225	4,253	28	675	24	586	17	406	52	1,248	
February.....	18	475	8,610	25	1,334	22	3,226	21	954	39	829	
March.....	17	581	5,514	26	493	31	1,427	9	275	38	1,169	
April.....	7	96	8,087	28	636	16	3,134	15	645	49	2,055	
May.....	9	269	4,997	19	1,031	14	300	16	461	49	1,575	
June.....	15	451	3,773	21	308	18	246	14	575	57	2,484	
July.....	16	256	7,036	31	624	16	397	14	567	48	3,050	
August.....	17	384	2,707	17	274	18	587	12	502	47	1,611	
September.....	10	133	2,869	15	299	9	138	13	281	50	1,859	
October.....												
November.....												
December.....												
Nine months 1962 .....	107	4,688	36,742	182	6,622	165	4,637	121	3,806	332	10,228	
Nine months 1963 .....	117	2,870	47,846	210	5,674	168	10,041	131	4,666	429	15,880	



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1962-January .....	-	-	134	4,281	103	3,463	1	48	4	178
February .....	3	105	130	5,074	93	6,470	5	496	2	79
March .....	4	661	172	5,605	107	4,423	3	228	2	9
April .....	3	84	128	9,368	92	3,956	11	431	1	5
May .....	3	1,217	122	4,963	88	3,048	3	114	5	51
June .....	2	54	123	10,387	87	4,030	3	76	2	14
July .....	3	86	143	4,711	97	4,245	1	181	3	107
August .....	1	15	144	5,581	99	4,984	5	349	4	52
September .....	2	27	132	3,832	96	5,118	5	122	7	211
October .....	6	101	163	8,679	116	6,702	4	92	4	121
November .....	5	149	158	8,205	116	5,886	6	438	2	23
December .....	1	67	145	6,316	83	3,621	-	-	-	-
1963-January .....	5	253	188	5,512	120	6,999	5	59	-	-
February .....	7	305	162	6,559	100	6,519	5	222	2	68
March .....	4	110	195	9,663	103	6,368	4	99	5	63
April .....	2	134	155	11,305	115	8,163	4	653	4	40
May .....	7	357	148	6,423	135	8,370	-	-	6	118
June .....	3	121	169	5,795	115	6,313	4	862	3	40
July .....	9	1,019	151	7,319	103	9,803	3	94	1	185
August .....	4	263	158	6,476	96	4,278	3	63	-	-
September .....	4	149	138	4,817	112	5,773	4	139	4	74
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1962 .....	21	2,249	1,228	53,802	862	39,737	37	2,045	30	706
Nine months 1963 .....	45	2,711	1,464	63,869	999	62,586	32	2,191	25	588
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000		\$ '000	
1962-January .....	7	161	15	534	264	8,665	41	1,677	73	2,459
February .....	11	616	18	1,356	262	14,196	35	4,927	90	3,488
March .....	14	194	10	805	312	11,925	38	2,262	94	3,688
April .....	9	363	12	496	256	14,703	35	2,127	55	5,165
May .....	4	46	12	637	237	10,076	34	1,414	64	3,088
June .....	7	222	10	503	234	15,286	27	1,350	58	7,551
July .....	3	57	8	154	258	9,541	40	1,886	66	2,347
August .....	14	431	7	247	274	11,659	37	2,146	72	3,746
September .....	5	79	1	12	248	9,401	24	2,645	57	1,737
October .....	12	573	4	302	309	16,570	43	3,471	105	5,980
November .....	4	535	6	1,296	297	16,532	34	1,931	97	6,300
December .....	4	141	6	741	239	10,886	27	1,486	72	3,211
1963-January .....	2	203	11	325	331	13,351	47	2,600	109	3,251
February .....	3	265	7	128	286	14,066	27	3,991	86	3,548
March .....	6	533	11	1,223	328	18,059	37	3,945	102	5,879
April .....	7	898	9	532	296	21,725	43	4,933	96	8,767
May .....	1	124	7	406	304	15,798	40	3,917	75	3,350
June .....	7	130	4	346	305	13,607	51	3,411	87	3,533
July .....	6	414	7	544	280	19,378	41	7,234	81	4,654
August .....	5	46	3	144	269	11,270	35	2,533	78	2,996
September .....	7	308	6	748	275	12,008	41	2,030	67	2,858
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1962 .....	74	2,169	93	4,744	2,345	105,452	311	20,434	629	33,269
Nine months 1963 .....	44	2,921	65	4,396	2,674	139,262	362	34,594	781	38,836

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1962					1963				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	2	3	6	19	6	6	6		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	28	28	39	30	125	36	29	30		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	20	9	22	71	22	23	17		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	6	13	11	44	16	13	12		
Over \$100,000 .....	19	16	10	22	67	22	15	21		
Totals .....	89	72	74	91	326	102	86	86		
<b>Construction</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	21	12	11	62	15	13	15		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	73	50	73	66	262	76	79	91		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	24	34	21	27	106	47	36	30		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	19	16	24	74	21	17	18		
Over \$100,000 .....	15	14	21	19	69	13	24	16		
Totals .....	145	138	143	147	573	172	169	170		
<b>Trade</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	48	38	28	46	160	52	37	34		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	192	209	206	828	243	235	182		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	62	85	79	73	299	81	79	66		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	14	35	32	118	47	29	26		
Over \$100,000 .....	28	20	17	26	91	26	33	19		
Totals .....	396	349	368	383	1,496	449	413	327		
<b>Service</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	36	16	23	18	93	23	21	24		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	54	49	59	78	240	75	84	70		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	20	23	25	81	13	23	22		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	10	5	11	34	10	16	13		
Over \$100,000 .....	3	8	5	13	29	8	11	16		
Totals .....	114	103	115	145	477	129	155	145		
<b>Total Canada</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	120	83	74	87	364	102	87	91		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	429	350	421	416	1,616	477	467	419		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	133	171	147	166	617	179	168	152		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	78	54	80	83	295	102	83	75		
Over \$100,000 .....	78	69	58	93	298	85	100	87		
Totals .....	838	727	780	845	3,190	945	905	824		
<b>Quebec</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	83	55	50	64	252	73	62	64		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	186	230	231	868	288	237	238		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	60	68	75	88	291	88	91	75		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	25	36	37	136	55	37	33		
Over \$100,000 .....	34	39	28	46	147	41	45	37		
Totals .....	436	373	419	466	1,694	545	472	447		
<b>Ontario</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	25	24	20	21	90	28	23	24		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	164	124	149	157	594	148	197	153		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	79	59	65	258	71	65	61		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	30	19	35	40	124	40	38	34		
Over \$100,000 .....	29	21	29	32	111	36	42	39		
Totals .....	303	267	292	315	1,177	323	365	311		

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousand dollars									
1962-January .....	32.8	-	32.0	33.6	32.2	35.6	41.7	37.8	33.0	20.5
February .....	54.2	35.0	39.0	69.6	66.1	75.3	126.0	37.4	46.3	12.7
March .....	38.2	165.2	32.6	41.3	22.7	80.5	77.0	42.2	30.0	23.6
April .....	57.4	28.0	73.2	43.0	38.1	41.3	68.1	61.5	30.7	73.8
May .....	42.5	405.6	40.7	34.6	17.5	53.1	70.8	25.9	25.4	20.0
June .....	65.3	27.2	84.4	46.3	26.0	50.3	190.1	55.0	34.7	32.3
July .....	37.0	28.6	32.9	43.8	49.3	19.2	47.1	65.2	27.1	25.3
August .....	42.6	15.0	38.8	50.3	36.2	35.2	46.1	55.6	36.5	42.8
September .....	37.9	13.2	29.0	53.3	24.3	11.5	55.2	39.3	33.1	17.2
October .....	53.6	16.8	53.2	57.8	39.3	75.5	113.9	41.7	51.7	40.6
November .....	55.7	29.9	52.0	50.7	82.9	216.0	161.5	52.0	36.9	37.4
December .....	45.5	67.2	43.6	43.6	35.2	123.5	50.8	68.7	35.5	57.2
1963-January .....	40.3	50.6	29.3	58.3	37.4	29.5	80.4	52.3	27.3	24.0
February .....	49.2	43.6	40.5	65.2	55.5	18.3	75.5	30.9	61.9	21.3
March .....	55.1	27.5	49.6	61.8	46.4	111.2	80.3	51.1	35.8	30.8
April .....	73.4	67.0	72.9	71.0	106.0	59.1	129.7	59.2	57.8	41.9
May .....	52.0	50.9	43.4	62.0	34.6	58.0	69.3	76.9	37.9	32.1
June .....	44.6	40.3	34.3	54.9	73.7	86.5	51.1	48.7	26.8	43.6
July .....	69.2	113.2	48.5	95.2	69.3	77.8	135.8	51.2	57.2	63.5
August .....	41.9	65.7	41.0	44.6	21.9	47.9	105.5	42.1	25.5	34.3
September .....	43.7	37.4	34.9	51.5	34.7	124.7	53.1	38.0	29.3	37.2
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1962 ....	45.0	107.1	43.8	46.1	34.9	51.0	82.1	47.0	33.0	30.8
Nine months 1963 ....	52.1	60.2	43.6	62.6	56.4	67.6	87.8	50.4	40.2	37.0

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1962-January .....	78	-	53	20	2	3	53	46	6	1
February .....	82	-	46	26	8	2	53	38	11	4
March .....	92	-	64	23	3	2	57	43	11	3
April .....	91	-	54	30	2	5	44	36	5	3
May .....	87	1	49	32	2	3	50	37	11	2
June .....	73	-	49	19	5	-	54	46	8	-
July .....	91	-	52	27	6	6	34	26	6	2
August .....	110	1	66	37	5	1	56	49	6	1
September .....	105	-	67	35	3	-	47	39	8	-
October .....	144	1	89	45	4	5	55	46	7	2
November .....	131	-	76	47	7	1	45	34	10	1
December .....	108	1	70	31	4	2	44	39	3	2
1963-January .....	80	1	52	23	4	-	54	47	3	4
February .....	114	1	54	51	6	2	53	37	10	6
March .....	146	3	80	54	3	6	62	50	10	2
April .....	134	-	79	48	4	3	50	43	4	3
May .....	143	-	64	68	6	5	48	37	4	7
June .....	100	-	49	45	3	3	53	45	2	6
July .....	117	2	62	47	5	1	42	27	12	3
August .....	139	1	81	47	5	5	48	38	6	4
September .....	129	1	72	50	5	1	46	34	8	4
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1962 ....	809	2	500	249	36	22	448	360	72	16
Nine months 1963 ....	1,102	9	593	433	41	26	456	358	59	39

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

During the fourth quarter of 1963 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 1,002, an increase of 18.6 per cent over the revised total of 845 insolvencies recorded for the fourth quarter of 1962. The estimated total of the liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$53,718,000, higher by 22.1 per cent than the total of \$43,988,000 recorded in the fourth quarter of 1962.

The total number of bankruptcies during the year was 3,678, an increase of 15.3 per cent over the revised 1962 total of 3,190. Total liabilities were \$193,771,000 in comparison with the total of \$149,440,000 for 1962.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of business failures occurred in the trade sector in which there were 1,635 failures compared with 1,496 in 1962. Liabilities of bankrupt firms rose from \$52,878,000 to \$61,081,000 in the trade industry. In the manufacturing industry the number of failures increased from 326 in 1962 to 365 in 1963 and liabilities rose from \$28,974,000 to \$32,337,000. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry increased from 573 to 714 while liabilities advanced from \$27,749,000 to \$40,137,000. In the financial sector the number of failures increased from 82 to 110 and the liabilities of bankrupt firms in this industry advanced from \$13,383,000 to \$25,869,000. The number of insolvent firms in the service industries increased from 477 to 577 and the liabilities of these firms rose from \$16,503,000 to \$22,783,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 1,987 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the year 1963 compared with 1,694 for 1962. Estimated liabilities rose from \$77,002,000 to \$89,641,000. The amount of average liabilities per failure was slightly lower than in 1962. In Ontario the number of business failures was 1,390 in 1963 compared with 1,177 for 1962. Liabilities increased from \$55,946,000 in 1962 to \$84,265,000 in 1963 with the amount of average liabilities per failure showing a large increase. In the Prairie Provinces the number of failures declined slightly but the liabilities of bankrupt firms increased considerably. In British Columbia the number of insolvencies was lower but average liabilities per failure rose from \$64,982 to \$84,315.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicates that 50.8 per cent of the bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range advanced from 617 in 1962 to 687 in 1963 and from 298 to 379 for firms in the \$100,000 and over group.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the Bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 of this report the number of proposals is shown to give an indication of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1963 with Comparisons

No.		Fourth Quarter									
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces		British Columbia	
		1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	12	12	11	15	-	2	-	2
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>										
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	7	6	2	2	1	2	-	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	11	8	3	4	-	-	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	8	8	6	6	-	-	1	2
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	9	5	8	4	-	-	1	-
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	1	-	5	7	5	4	1	-	-	-
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	1	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	10	6	4	7	-	1	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	-	55	51	30	35	2	3	3	2
	<u>Construction industries:</u>										
15	General contractors .....	1	1	35	43	28	37	3	5	-	2
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	1	43	66	34	46	2	1	-	1
17	Total construction industries .....	2	2	78	109	62	83	5	6	-	3
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	-	21	25	10	19	2	2	2	3
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>										
19	Food .....	-	3	32	42	19	30	2	4	2	2
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	11	2	6	6	1	1	-	-
21	Automotive products .....	5	2	47	70	44	42	4	6	2	4
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	1	21	22	11	10	1	3	-	3
23	Hardware .....	1	3	22	19	19	20	7	9	1	2
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	-	32	26	23	14	3	1	-	1
25	Drugs .....	-	-	3	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
26	Other trades .....	1	1	38	41	18	46	4	6	1	1
27	Total trade .....	7	10	206	223	142	170	22	30	6	13
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	11	23	6	11	1	-	2	-
	<u>Services:</u>										
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	7	3	-	-	-	1	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	5	7	3	4	-	-	-	-
31	Business services .....	1	1	12	4	5	8	2	2	-	-
32	Personal services .....	-	-	56	51	39	35	2	3	1	4
33	Other services .....	-	2	7	11	4	9	-	-	1	-
34	Total services .....	1	3	83	80	54	56	4	5	3	4
35	Totals .....	12	15	466	523	315	389	36	48	16	27



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1963 with Comparisons

Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	
						\$'000	\$'000	
23	31	863	1,267	93	111	4,270	4,751	1
10	10	641	570	38	33	2,482	1,037	2
-	4	-	74	5	8	240	391	3
14	12	669	1,301	45	62	3,264	4,899	4
15	16	2,697	634	83	70	6,381	5,169	5
18	9	1,598	200	42	44	5,181	1,313	6
12	11	1,728	621	29	47	3,349	5,303	7
-	2	-	1,239	2	8	116	3,538	8
4	3	1,707	233	8	8	2,183	470	9
2	1	90	39	10	5	1,843	524	10
1	6	36	2,496	14	14	1,520	4,193	11
1	3	34	63	3	14	110	769	12
14	14	478	672	47	52	2,305	4,731	13
91	91	9,678	8,142	326	365	28,974	32,337	14
67	88	5,082	9,247	244	273	17,056	23,269	15
80	115	2,662	4,842	329	441	10,693	16,868	16
147	203	7,744	14,089	573	714	27,749	40,137	17
36	49	1,085	3,932	143	166	5,774	6,813	18
55	81	2,226	1,894	237	291	8,848	7,577	19
18	9	1,126	283	56	52	4,172	2,897	20
102	124	1,738	3,034	386	450	8,543	11,219	21
33	39	843	860	198	207	5,480	10,904	22
50	53	4,046	2,639	165	169	9,543	13,618	23
58	42	2,073	1,370	179	173	5,879	6,033	24
5	3	179	174	12	12	369	468	25
62	95	3,814	2,844	263	281	9,953	8,365	26
383	446	16,045	13,098	1,496	1,635	52,787	61,081	27
20	34	2,298	6,278	82	110	13,383	25,869	28
7	7	368	141	19	22	553	897	29
8	11	471	400	31	38	1,741	3,430	30
20	15	1,863	430	61	79	3,218	2,870	31
98	95	3,409	5,686	328	387	10,259	14,961	32
12	20	164	255	38	51	732	625	33
145	148	6,275	6,912	477	577	16,503	22,783	34
845	1,002	43,988	53,718	3,190	3,678	149,440	193,771	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment		Number	Liab.
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1962-January ....	264	8,665	6	305	29	1,210	5	195	1	14	1	43	-	-	39	1,474
February ...	262	14,196	6	98	30	3,779	10	1,227	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	1,645
March .....	312	11,925	14	373	30	2,309	8	281	3	371	-	-	1	68	62	2,618
April .....	256	14,703	7	1,352	25	1,703	5	89	4	507	-	-	-	-	50	3,075
May .....	237	10,076	6	365	19	1,344	6	671	4	518	-	-	-	-	41	1,060
June .....	234	15,286	4	129	28	5,321	5	137	1	18	1	73	1	370	47	2,584
July .....	258	9,541	10	366	26	1,225	10	266	3	179	-	-	2	38	43	2,805
August .....	274	11,659	12	314	27	1,245	13	713	1	15	-	-	-	-	50	2,779
September ..	248	9,401	5	105	21	1,160	6	104	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	1,965
October .....	309	16,570	9	383	31	3,530	9	1,794	4	272	-	-	-	-	50	2,085
November ...	297	16,532	8	324	28	4,521	5	892	5	1,260	-	-	4	1,707	60	3,117
December ...	239	10,886	6	156	32	1,627	1	12	3	195	-	-	-	-	37	2,542
1963-January ....	331	13,348	4	414	37	2,973	6	700	4	906	-	-	-	-	69	3,606
February ...	286	14,066	10	287	31	2,340	7	854	2	116	-	-	1	21	47	1,453
March .....	328	18,067	15	1,204	34	2,730	6	1,095	4	294	-	-	-	-	56	2,861
April .....	296	21,897	8	464	30	3,891	7	584	3	312	1	710	2	73	56	3,481
May .....	304	15,810	9	224	36	2,494	7	177	6	584	-	-	-	-	61	4,693
June .....	305	13,803	6	116	20	1,022	4	98	2	89	-	-	-	-	52	2,651
July .....	280	19,372	8	287	30	4,075	6	562	3	614	2	813	-	-	46	2,357
August .....	269	11,351	8	131	30	3,226	5	223	4	1,199	2	534	1	115	55	2,323
September ..	277	12,340	12	358	26	1,444	6	242	8	568	1	242	1	28	69	2,623
October .....	345	18,125	16	420	26	2,479	7	414	3	342	-	-	-	-	76	5,479
November ...	345	18,266	10	585	33	3,072	3	37	7	259	1	1,146	-	-	65	3,107
December ...	312	17,526	5	261	32	2,591	6	183	1	20	1	93	3	233	62	5,503
Twelve months 1962 .....	3,190	149,440	93	4,270	326	28,944	83	6,381	29	3,349	2	116	8	2,183	573	27,749
Twelve months 1963 .....	3,678	193,771	111	4,751	365	32,337	70	5,169	47	5,303	8	3,538	8	470	714	40,137

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.	Service
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1962-January .....	14	219	4,322	14	547	26	733	12	391	39	800	
February .....	10	339	5,924	26	2,643	25	690	12	512	32	405	
March .....	20	867	4,104	26	486	20	536	9	288	43	1,015	
April .....	9	325	3,505	17	874	12	401	16	572	44	3,249	
May .....	11	1,320	3,069	21	309	18	300	10	267	36	718	
June .....	12	323	3,932	22	434	15	446	12	505	23	744	
July .....	9	310	3,331	16	256	18	446	22	511	37	933	
August .....	13	826	4,667	22	474	18	498	17	448	40	1,711	
September .....	9	159	3,868	18	599	13	587	11	312	38	653	
October .....	12	410	7,244	18	478	5	93	19	861	61	2,478	
November .....	13	380	4,719	24	1,421	13	499	24	801	51	1,908	
December .....	11	295	4,082	13	327	15	251	15	410	33	1,889	
1963-January .....	8	225	4,250	28	675	24	586	17	406	52	1,248	
February .....	18	475	8,610	25	1,334	22	3,226	21	954	39	829	
March .....	17	581	5,523	26	493	31	1,429	9	274	38	1,168	
April .....	7	96	8,087	28	636	16	3,134	15	645	49	2,059	
May .....	9	269	5,009	19	1,040	14	300	16	461	49	1,575	
June .....	15	456	3,844	21	307	18	246	14	575	57	2,484	
July .....	16	256	7,030	31	624	16	397	14	561	48	3,050	
August .....	17	384	2,706	17	274	18	587	12	502	47	1,611	
September .....	10	139	2,1923	15	299	9	138	13	285	50	1,847	
October .....	13	275	4,601	27	450	15	299	14	694	50	2,109	
November .....	17	2,719	3,685	24	506	13	296	17	432	53	3,477	
December .....	19	938	4,813	30	939	11	266	11	244	45	1,326	
Twelve months 1962 .....	143	5,774	52,787	237	8,848	198	5,480	179	5,878	477	16,503	
Twelve months 1963 .....	166	6,813	61,081	291	7,577	207	10,904	173	6,033	577	22,783	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1962-January .....	-	-	134	4,281	103	3,463	1	48	4	178
February .....	3	105	130	5,074	93	6,470	5	496	2	79
March .....	4	661	172	5,605	107	4,423	3	228	2	9
April .....	3	84	128	9,368	92	3,956	11	431	1	5
May .....	3	1,217	122	4,963	88	3,048	3	114	5	51
June .....	2	54	123	10,387	87	4,030	3	76	2	14
July .....	3	86	143	4,711	97	4,245	1	181	3	107
August .....	1	15	144	5,581	99	4,984	5	349	4	52
September .....	2	27	132	3,832	96	5,118	5	122	7	211
October .....	6	101	163	8,679	116	6,702	4	92	4	121
November .....	5	149	158	8,205	116	5,886	6	438	2	23
December .....	1	67	145	6,316	83	3,621	-	-	-	-
1963-January .....	5	253	188	5,509	120	6,999	5	59	-	-
February .....	7	305	162	6,559	100	6,519	5	222	2	68
March .....	4	112	195	9,669	103	6,368	4	99	5	63
April .....	2	134	155	11,477	115	8,163	4	653	4	40
May .....	7	356	148	6,435	135	8,370	-	-	6	118
June .....	3	121	169	5,801	115	6,313	4	862	3	41
July .....	9	1,019	151	7,313	103	9,803	3	94	1	185
August .....	4	263	158	6,557	96	4,278	3	63	-	-
September .....	4	150	138	4,838	114	6,057	4	139	4	100
October .....	6	432	171	7,852	147	9,043	3	182	2	21
November .....	3	93	176	8,994	138	5,705	6	390	3	163
December .....	6	549	176	8,637	104	6,647	4	290	7	147
Twelve months 1962 ....	33	2,566	1,694	77,002	1,177	55,946	47	2,575	36	850
Twelve months 1963 ....	60	3,787	1,987	89,641	1,390	84,265	45	3,053	37	946
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1962-January .....	7	161	15	534	264	8,665	41	1,677	73	2,459
February .....	11	616	18	1,356	262	14,196	35	4,927	90	3,488
March .....	14	194	10	805	312	11,925	38	2,262	94	3,688
April .....	9	363	12	496	256	14,703	35	2,127	55	5,165
May .....	4	46	12	637	237	10,076	34	1,414	64	3,088
June .....	7	222	10	503	234	15,286	27	1,350	58	7,551
July .....	3	57	8	154	258	9,541	40	1,886	66	2,347
August .....	14	431	7	247	274	11,659	37	2,146	72	3,746
September .....	5	79	1	12	248	9,401	24	2,645	57	1,737
October .....	12	573	4	302	309	16,570	43	3,471	105	5,980
November .....	4	535	6	1,296	297	16,532	34	1,931	97	6,300
December .....	4	141	6	741	239	10,886	27	1,486	72	3,211
1963-January .....	2	203	11	325	331	13,348	47	2,600	109	3,254
February .....	3	265	7	128	286	14,066	27	3,991	86	3,548
March .....	6	533	11	1,223	328	18,067	37	3,945	102	5,879
April .....	7	898	9	532	296	21,897	43	4,933	96	8,939
May .....	1	125	7	406	304	15,810	40	3,917	75	3,362
June .....	7	319	4	346	305	13,803	51	3,411	87	3,533
July .....	6	414	7	544	280	19,372	41	7,234	81	4,648
August .....	5	46	3	144	269	11,351	35	2,533	78	3,001
September .....	7	308	6	748	277	12,340	41	2,030	67	2,882
October .....	5	141	11	454	345	18,125	54	4,231	84	3,880
November .....	11	700	8	2,221	345	18,266	55	1,889	91	5,316
December .....	7	370	8	686	312	17,326	41	3,130	87	4,111
Twelve months 1962 ....	94	3,418	109	7,083	3,190	149,440	415	27,322	903	48,760
Twelve months 1963 ....	67	4,322	92	7,757	3,678	193,771	512	43,844	1,043	52,353

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1962					1963				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	2	3	6	19	6	6	6	5	23
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	28	28	39	30	125	36	29	30	41	136
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	20	9	22	71	22	23	16	17	78
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	6	13	11	44	16	13	11	11	51
Over \$100,000 .....	19	16	10	22	67	22	15	23	17	77
Totals .....	89	72	74	91	326	102	86	86	91	365
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	21	12	11	62	15	13	16	14	58
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	73	50	73	66	262	76	79	89	85	329
25,000 " 50,000 ....	24	34	21	27	106	47	35	31	43	156
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	19	16	24	74	21	17	18	30	86
Over \$100,000 .....	15	14	21	19	69	13	25	16	31	85
Totals .....	145	138	143	147	573	172	169	170	203	714
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	48	38	28	46	160	52	35	34	43	164
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	192	209	206	828	242	236	181	253	912
25,000 " 50,000 ....	62	85	79	73	299	82	79	67	85	313
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	14	35	32	118	47	30	26	38	141
Over \$100,000 .....	28	20	17	26	91	26	33	19	27	105
Totals .....	396	349	368	383	1,496	449	413	327	446	1,635
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	36	16	23	18	93	23	21	24	23	91
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	54	49	59	78	240	75	84	70	82	311
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	20	23	25	81	13	23	22	23	81
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	10	5	11	34	10	16	13	11	50
Over \$100,000 .....	3	8	5	13	29	8	11	16	9	44
Totals .....	114	103	115	145	477	129	155	145	148	577
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	120	83	74	87	364	102	85	92	96	375
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	429	350	421	416	1,616	476	468	415	510	1,869
25,000 " 50,000 ....	133	171	147	166	617	180	167	154	186	687
50,000 " 100,000 ....	78	54	80	83	295	102	84	75	107	368
Over \$100,000 .....	78	69	58	93	298	85	101	90	103	379
Totals .....	838	727	780	845	3,190	945	905	826	1,002	3,678
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	83	55	50	64	252	73	61	65	57	256
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	186	230	231	868	287	238	235	263	1,023
25,000 " 50,000 ....	60	68	75	88	291	89	91	76	95	351
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	25	36	37	136	55	37	33	55	180
Over \$100,000 .....	34	39	28	46	147	41	45	38	53	177
Totals .....	436	373	419	466	1,694	545	472	447	523	1,987
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	25	24	20	21	90	28	23	24	38	113
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	164	124	149	157	594	148	197	152	200	697
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	79	59	65	258	71	65	61	75	272
50,000 " 100,000 ....	30	19	35	40	124	40	38	35	39	152
Over \$100,000 .....	29	21	29	32	111	36	42	41	37	156
Totals .....	303	267	292	315	1,177	323	365	313	389	1,390



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1962-January .....	32.8	-	32.0	33.6	32.2	35.6	41.7	37.8	33.0	20.5
February .....	54.2	35.0	39.0	69.6	66.1	75.3	126.0	37.4	46.3	12.7
March .....	38.2	165.2	32.6	41.3	22.7	80.5	77.0	42.2	30.0	23.6
April .....	57.4	28.0	73.2	43.0	38.1	41.3	68.1	61.5	30.7	73.8
May .....	42.5	405.6	40.7	34.6	17.5	53.1	70.8	25.9	25.4	20.0
June .....	65.3	27.2	84.4	46.3	26.0	50.3	190.1	55.0	34.7	32.3
July .....	37.0	28.6	32.9	43.8	49.3	19.2	47.1	65.2	27.1	25.3
August .....	42.6	15.0	38.8	50.3	36.2	35.2	46.1	55.6	36.5	42.8
September .....	37.9	13.2	29.0	53.3	24.3	11.5	55.2	39.3	33.1	17.2
October .....	53.6	16.8	53.2	57.8	39.3	75.5	113.9	41.7	51.7	40.6
November .....	55.7	29.9	52.0	50.7	82.9	216.0	161.5	52.0	36.9	37.4
December .....	45.5	67.2	43.6	43.6	35.2	123.5	50.8	68.7	35.5	57.2
1963-January .....	40.3	50.6	29.3	58.3	37.4	29.5	80.4	52.3	27.2	24.0
February .....	49.2	43.6	40.5	65.2	55.5	18.3	75.5	30.9	61.9	21.3
March .....	55.1	28.1	49.6	61.8	46.4	111.2	80.3	51.1	35.9	30.8
April .....	74.0	67.0	74.0	71.0	106.0	59.1	129.7	62.2	57.8	42.0
May .....	52.0	50.9	43.5	62.0	34.6	58.0	69.3	76.9	38.0	32.1
June .....	45.3	40.3	34.3	54.9	73.7	86.5	51.1	51.0	27.3	43.6
July .....	69.2	113.2	48.4	95.2	69.3	77.8	135.8	51.2	57.2	63.5
August .....	42.2	65.7	41.5	44.6	21.9	47.9	107.5	42.2	25.5	34.3
September .....	44.5	37.4	35.1	53.1	38.5	124.7	55.5	38.0	29.8	36.9
October .....	52.5	72.1	45.9	61.5	34.4	41.2	95.4	72.1	29.5	42.2
November .....	52.9	30.9	51.1	41.3	62.7	277.6	93.1	47.8	24.1	65.6
December .....	55.5	91.4	49.1	63.9	44.9	85.7	81.0	88.8	35.1	29.5
Twelve months 1962 ..	46.8	77.8	45.5	47.5	38.7	65.0	88.9	48.4	35.3	34.6
Twelve months 1963 ..	52.7	63.1	45.1	60.6	55.8	84.3	88.6	56.2	37.4	39.5

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1962-January .....	78	-	53	20	2	3	53	46	6	1
February .....	82	-	46	26	8	2	53	38	11	4
March .....	92	-	64	23	3	2	57	43	11	3
April .....	91	-	54	30	2	5	44	36	5	3
May .....	87	1	49	32	2	3	50	37	11	2
June .....	73	-	49	19	5	-	54	46	8	-
July .....	91	-	52	27	6	6	34	26	6	2
August .....	110	1	66	37	5	1	56	49	6	1
September .....	105	-	67	35	3	-	47	39	8	-
October .....	144	1	89	45	4	5	55	46	7	2
November .....	131	-	76	47	7	1	45	34	10	1
December .....	108	1	70	31	4	2	44	39	3	2
1963-January .....	80	1	52	23	4	-	54	47	3	4
February .....	114	1	54	51	6	2	53	37	10	6
March .....	146	3	80	54	3	6	62	50	10	2
April .....	134	-	79	48	4	3	50	43	4	3
May .....	143	-	64	68	6	5	48	37	4	7
June .....	100	-	49	45	3	3	53	45	2	6
July .....	117	2	62	47	5	1	42	27	12	3
August .....	139	1	81	47	5	5	48	38	6	4
September .....	129	1	72	50	5	1	46	34	8	4
October .....	159	1	73	78	7	-	56	48	5	3
November .....	176	-	78	84	9	5	64	61	2	1
December .....	151	2	65	73	7	4	67	59	6	2
Twelve months 1962 ...	1,192	4	735	372	51	30	592	479	92	21
Twelve months 1963 ...	1,588	12	809	668	64	35	643	526	72	45

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COMMERCIAL FAILURES

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During the first quarter of 1964 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts was 978, an increase of 3 per cent over the revised total of 945 insolvencies recorded for the first quarter of 1963. The estimated total of the liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$51,130,000, higher by 12 per cent than the total of \$45,481,000 recorded in the first quarter of 1963.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries:

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 436 failures compared with 449 for the same quarter of 1963. However, the total liabilities of bankrupt firms were lower. In the manufacturing industry there were 71 failures compared with 102 for the same months of 1963. Total liabilities in this industry were also lower. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry increased from 172 to 198, whilst liabilities grew from \$7,920,000 to \$11,315,000. In the financial sector the number of failures increased from 21 to 26 although total liabilities were lower than in the first quarter of 1963. The number of insolvent firms in the service industries increased from 129 to 155 and the liabilities of these firms rose from \$3,246,000 to \$8,385,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas:

There were 536 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the first quarter of 1964 compared with 545 for 1963. Estimated liabilities of these firms rose from \$21,737,000 to \$28,998,000. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 323 to 340 whilst the liabilities decreased from \$19,885,000 to \$13,783,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of bankrupt firms increased from 32 to 49 and their liabilities rose from \$1,512,000 to \$2,772,000. In British Columbia the number of insolvencies increased from 29 to 38 and liabilities rose from \$1,676,000 to \$4,707,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities:

The data presented in Table 4 indicated that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range increased from 180 to 186 and failures of firms with liabilities \$100,000 and over rose from 85 to 96.

Coverage:

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

First Quarter, 1964 with Comparative Figures for 1963

No.		First quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	14	14	14	18
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	3	2	3	4
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	30	11	2	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	12	16	7	4
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	11	4	2	2
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	5	7	4	3
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	2
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	1	-	3	1	1	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	1	3	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	7	6	2	4
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	-	73	49	24	20
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	2	4	34	31	29	26
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	-	52	68	41	45
17	Total construction industries .....	4	4	86	99	70	71
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	22	29	17	15
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	2	1	54	44	21	16
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	10	4	5	3
21	Automotive products .....	-	4	62	58	40	49
22	Apparel and shoes .....	4	-	36	43	32	21
23	Hardware .....	-	3	21	20	18	19
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	-	23	21	19	11
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	2	-	2
26	Other trades .....	3	2	39	41	24	42
27	Total trade .....	10	10	246	233	159	163
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	11	17	8	8
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	5	5	-	2
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	2	4	4	2
31	Business services .....	-	-	14	20	5	10
32	Personal services .....	1	-	68	63	18	27
33	Other services .....	-	-	4	3	4	4
34	Total services .....	1	-	93	95	31	45
35	Totals .....	16	15	545	536	323	340

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

First Quarter 1964 with Comparative Figures for 1963

First quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
1963	1964	1963	1964	Number		Liabilities		
				1963	1964	1963	1964	
						\$'000	\$'000	
1	1	-	7	29	40	1,905	2,910	1
-	-	-	1	6	7	123	310	2
1	-	-	-	1	-	47	-	3
-	1	-	-	32	12	1,422	1,236	4
-	-	-	-	19	20	2,649	2,033	5
-	-	-	-	13	6	590	200	6
-	-	1	-	10	10	1,316	591	7
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	501	8
-	-	1	-	1	-	21	-	9
-	-	-	-	1	1	19	236	10
-	-	-	-	5	1	972	1,798	11
-	-	-	-	4	2	217	187	12
-	-	1	-	10	10	667	855	13
1	1	3	1	102	71	8,043	7,947	14
3	8	3	2	71	71	4,797	7,434	15
1	10	5	4	101	127	3,123	3,881	16
4	18	8	6	172	198	7,920	11,315	17
2	4	2	3	43	52	1,281	1,524	18
1	1	1	2	79	64	2,502	1,340	19
1	2	1	1	17	10	1,468	345	20
7	7	1	-	110	118	2,128	2,625	21
3	2	2	-	77	66	5,242	2,007	22
4	2	1	1	44	45	3,253	2,921	23
3	1	1	1	47	34	1,635	1,211	24
-	-	-	2	1	6	14	339	25
1	5	7	3	74	93	2,140	3,585	26
20	20	14	10	449	436	18,382	14,373	27
1	1	1	-	21	26	4,704	4,676	28
-	-	-	-	5	7	86	385	29
-	-	-	-	6	6	214	142	30
1	-	1	1	21	31	556	998	31
1	2	-	9	88	101	2,278	6,606	32
1	2	-	1	9	10	112	254	33
3	4	1	11	129	155	3,246	8,385	34
32	49	29	38	945	978	45,481	51,130	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries						Transportation equipment industries		Construction industries	
	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Wood industries, including furniture	Number	Liab. \$'000	Primary and fabricated metal industries	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000
1963-January ....	331	13,348	4	414	37	2,973	6	700		4	906	-	69	3,606
February ...	286	14,066	10	287	31	2,340	7	854		2	116	-	47	1,453
March .....	328	18,067	15	1,204	34	2,730	6	1,095		4	294	-	56	2,861
April .....	296	21,897	8	464	30	3,891	7	584		3	312	-	56	3,481
May .....	304	15,819	9	224	36	2,494	7	177		6	584	-	61	4,693
June .....	305	13,803	6	116	20	1,022	4	98		2	89	-	52	2,651
July .....	280	20,562	8	287	30	4,075	6	562		3	614	-	46	2,357
August .....	269	11,356	8	131	30	3,226	5	223		4	1,199	-	55	2,323
September ..	277	12,340	12	358	26	1,444	6	242		8	568	-	69	2,623
October ....	345	18,139	16	420	26	2,479	7	414		3	342	-	76	5,479
November ...	345	18,441	10	585	33	3,156	3	37		7	264	-	65	3,147
December ...	311	17,568	5	261	32	2,591	6	183		1	20	-	62	5,503
1964-January ....	323	21,078	15	2,232	19	3,392	5	250		4	249	-	67	4,549
February ...	334	17,827	8	159	25	2,679	10	1,668		3	175	-	69	3,778
March .....	321	12,225	17	518	27	1,876	5	115		3	167	-	62	2,988
April .....														
May .....														
June .....														
July .....														
August .....														
September ..														
October ....														
November ...														
December ...														
Three months														
1963 .....	945	45,481	29	1,905	102	8,043	19	2,649		10	1,316	-	1	21
													172	7,920
Three months														
1964 .....	978	51,130	40	2,909	71	7,947	20	2,033		10	591	-	-	-
													198	11,315



	Transportation, communication and other utilities			Trade						Services	
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1963-January .....	8	225	4,250	28	675	24	586	17	406	52	1,248
February .....	18	475	8,610	25	1,334	22	3,227	21	954	39	829
March .....	17	581	5,522	26	493	31	1,429	9	275	38	1,169
April .....	7	96	8,087	28	636	16	3,134	15	645	49	2,059
May .....	9	269	5,019	19	1,040	14	300	16	470	49	1,575
June .....	15	456	3,844	21	307	18	246	14	575	57	2,484
July .....	16	256	7,167	31	624	16	397	14	561	48	3,050
August .....	17	384	2,711	17	274	18	587	12	507	47	1,611
September .....	10	139	2,192	15	299	9	138	13	285	50	1,847
October .....	13	285	4,604	27	450	15	299	14	694	50	2,108
November .....	17	2,719	3,733	24	506	13	300	17	432	53	3,477
December .....	19	938	4,827	30	939	11	280	11	244	45	1,326
1964-January .....	12	204	4,403	24	586	25	1,099	14	502	51	5,647
February .....	18	663	5,984	23	341	23	407	6	241	52	1,229
March .....	22	658	3,986	17	413	18	501	14	468	52	1,509
April .....											
May .....											
June .....											
July .....											
August .....											
September .....											
October .....											
November .....											
December .....											
Three months 1963 .....	43	1,281	18,382	79	2,502	77	5,242	47	1,635	129	3,246
Three months 1964 .....	52	1,525	14,373	64	1,340	66	2,007	34	1,211	155	8,385

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1963-January .....	5	253	188	5,509	120	6,999	5	59	-	-
February .....	7	305	162	6,559	100	6,519	5	222	2	68
March .....	4	112	195	9,669	103	6,368	4	99	5	63
April .....	2	134	155	11,477	115	8,163	4	653	4	40
May .....	7	356	148	6,445	135	8,370	-	-	6	118
June .....	3	121	169	5,801	115	6,313	4	862	3	41
July .....	9	1,019	151	8,504	103	9,803	3	94	1	185
August .....	4	263	158	6,562	96	4,278	3	63	-	-
September .....	4	150	138	4,838	114	6,057	4	139	4	100
October .....	6	432	171	7,866	147	9,043	3	182	2	21
November .....	3	93	176	9,163	138	5,711	6	390	3	164
December .....	6	549	176	8,879	103	6,637	4	290	7	147
1964-January .....	4	161	182	11,790	108	4,827	3	68	4	87
February .....	3	408	176	11,388	124	5,070	7	193	4	136
March .....	8	301	178	5,820	108	3,886	6	287	2	181
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1963 .....	16	670	545	21,737	323	19,886	14	380	7	131
Three months 1964 .....	15	870	536	28,998	340	13,783	16	548	10	404
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1963-January .....	2	203	11	325	331	13,348	47	2,600	109	3,254
February .....	3	265	7	128	286	14,066	27	3,991	86	3,548
March .....	6	533	11	1,223	328	18,067	37	3,945	102	5,879
April .....	7	898	9	532	296	21,897	43	4,933	96	8,939
May .....	1	125	7	406	304	15,819	40	3,917	75	3,362
June .....	7	319	4	346	305	13,803	51	3,411	87	3,533
July .....	6	414	7	544	280	20,562	41	7,234	81	5,846
August .....	5	46	3	144	269	11,356	35	2,533	78	3,001
September .....	7	308	6	748	277	12,340	41	2,030	67	2,882
October .....	5	141	11	454	345	18,139	54	4,231	84	3,884
November .....	11	700	8	2,221	345	18,441	55	1,883	91	5,424
December .....	7	370	8	686	311	17,568	41	3,130	87	4,339
1964-January .....	5	168	17	3,977	323	21,078	43	2,874	102	8,754
February .....	9	213	11	419	334	17,827	38	1,422	93	8,725
March .....	9	1,439	10	311	321	12,225	34	1,665	92	2,801
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1963 .....	11	1,001	29	1,676	945	45,481	111	10,536	297	12,681
Three months 1964 .....	23	1,820	38	4,707	978	51,130	115	5,961	287	20,280

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1963					1964				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	6	6	6	5	23	1				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	36	29	30	41	136	18				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	23	16	17	78	20				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	13	11	11	51	11				
Over \$100,000 .....	22	15	23	17	77	21				
Totals .....	102	86	86	91	365	71				
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	13	16	14	58	20				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	76	79	89	84	328	95				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	47	35	31	44	157	36				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	21	17	18	30	86	21				
Over \$100,000 .....	13	25	16	31	85	26				
Totals .....	172	169	170	203	714	198				
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	52	35	34	43	164	47				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	242	236	181	251	910	239				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	82	79	67	86	314	84				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	47	30	26	38	141	44				
Over \$100,000 .....	26	33	19	27	105	22				
Totals .....	449	413	327	445	1,634	436				
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	23	21	24	23	91	18				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	75	84	70	82	311	83				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	23	22	23	81	26				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	16	13	11	50	15				
Over \$100,000 .....	8	11	16	9	44	13				
Totals .....	129	155	145	148	577	155				
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	102	85	92	96	375	92				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	476	468	415	507	1,866	505				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	180	167	154	188	689	186				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	102	84	75	107	368	99				
Over \$100,000 .....	85	101	90	103	379	96				
Totals .....	945	905	826	1,001	3,677	978				
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	73	61	65	57	256	61				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	287	238	235	260	1,020	271				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	89	91	76	97	353	101				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	55	37	33	55	180	50				
Over \$100,000 .....	41	45	38	54	178	53				
Totals .....	545	472	447	523	1,987	536				
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	28	23	24	38	113	23				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	148	197	152	199	696	185				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	71	65	61	75	272	65				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	40	38	35	39	152	38				
Over \$100,000 .....	36	42	41	37	156	29				
Totals .....	323	365	313	388	1,389	340				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- turing	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1963-January .....	40.3	50.6	29.3	58.3	37.4	29.5	80.4	52.3	27.2	24.0
February .....	49.2	43.6	40.5	65.2	55.5	18.3	75.5	30.9	61.9	21.3
March .....	55.1	28.1	49.6	61.8	46.4	111.2	80.3	51.1	35.9	30.8
April .....	74.0	67.0	74.0	71.0	106.0	59.1	129.7	62.2	57.8	42.0
May .....	52.0	50.9	43.5	62.0	34.6	58.0	69.3	76.9	38.0	32.1
June .....	45.3	40.3	34.3	54.9	73.7	86.5	51.1	51.0	27.3	43.6
July .....	73.4	113.2	56.3	95.2	69.3	77.8	135.8	51.2	58.3	63.5
August .....	42.2	65.7	41.5	44.6	21.9	47.9	107.5	42.2	25.5	34.3
September .....	44.5	37.4	35.1	53.1	38.5	124.7	55.5	38.0	29.8	36.9
October .....	52.6	72.1	46.0	61.5	34.4	41.2	95.4	72.1	29.5	42.2
November .....	53.5	30.9	52.1	41.4	62.7	277.6	95.7	48.4	24.4	65.6
December .....	56.5	91.4	50.4	64.4	44.9	85.7	81.0	88.8	35.1	29.5
1964-January .....	65.3	40.3	64.8	44.7	26.8	23.4	178.5	67.9	29.4	110.7
February .....	53.4	136.0	64.7	40.9	27.1	38.1	107.2	54.8	39.1	23.7
March .....	38.1	37.6	32.7	36.0	112.2	31.0	69.5	48.2	30.0	29.0
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1963 ...	48.1	41.9	39.9	61.6	47.2	57.8	78.9	46.0	40.9	25.2
Three months 1964 ...	52.3	58.0	54.1	40.5	56.6	123.9	111.9	57.1	33.0	54.1

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1963-January .....	80	1	52	23	4	-	54	47	3	4
February .....	114	1	54	51	6	2	53	37	10	6
March .....	146	3	80	54	3	6	62	50	10	2
April .....	134	-	79	48	4	3	50	43	4	3
May .....	143	-	64	68	6	5	48	37	4	7
June .....	100	-	49	45	3	3	53	45	2	6
July .....	117	2	62	47	5	1	42	27	12	3
August .....	139	1	81	47	5	5	48	38	6	4
September .....	129	1	72	50	5	1	46	34	8	4
October .....	159	1	73	78	7	-	56	48	5	3
November .....	176	-	78	84	9	5	64	61	2	1
December .....	151	2	65	73	7	4	67	59	6	2
1964-January .....	179	4	87	74	12	2	61	51	6	4
February .....	166	-	87	68	7	4	53	46	5	2
March .....	194	-	97	90	6	1	66	54	8	4
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1963 ...	340	5	186	128	13	8	169	134	23	12
Three months 1964 ...	539	4	271	232	25	7	180	151	19	10

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts.

## SECOND QUARTER 1964

During the second quarter of 1964 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts was 828, a decrease of 9 per cent from the revised total of 905 insolvencies recorded for the second quarter of 1963. The estimated total of the liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$49,910,000, lower by 3 per cent than the total of \$51,519,000 recorded in the second quarter of 1963.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries:

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 374 failures compared with 413 for the same quarter of 1963. Liabilities were also lower. In the manufacturing industries group the number of business failures was somewhat lower although liabilities increased from \$7,407,000 to \$7,968,000. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was lower but the amount of liabilities increased from \$10,825,000 to \$12,026,000 in the second quarter comparison. In the financial sector both the number of failures and the amount of liabilities were lower in the second quarter of 1964. The number of insolvent firms in the service industries decreased from 155 to 124; the liabilities of these firms were also lower.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas:

There were 426 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the second quarter of 1964, compared with 472 for 1963. Estimated liabilities of these firms rose from \$23,724,000 to \$24,078,000. In Ontario the number of business failures decreased from 365 to 329 and the liabilities from \$22,847,000 to \$22,500,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of bankrupt firms was slightly lower and the liabilities decreased from \$3,053,000 to \$1,740,000. In British Columbia the number of insolvencies increased slightly whilst the liabilities declined from \$1,284,000 to \$934,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities:

The data presented in Table 4 indicates that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range increased slightly and bankruptcies of firms with liabilities \$100,000 and over declined from 95 to 75.

Coverage:

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts), and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter, 1964 with Comparative Figures for 1963

No.		Second quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	12	24	9	11
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	1	1	3	-	5	2
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	12	14	1	3
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	12	10	5	6
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	8	2	4	4
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	5	4	6	4
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	1	-	2	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	1	-	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	6	11	6	9
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	1	52	43	31	30
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	2	3	23	35	31	24
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	4	47	39	52	39
17	Total construction industries .....	4	7	70	74	83	63
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	16	22	10	15
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	-	2	40	33	27	27
20	General merchandise .....	1	1	7	4	6	10
21	Automotive products .....	1	-	69	50	44	43
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	1	26	31	17	20
23	Hardware .....	1	1	20	12	19	18
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	-	21	14	21	9
25	Drugs .....	-	1	2	-	2	2
26	Other trades .....	1	2	33	29	25	31
27	Total trade .....	6	8	218	173	161	160
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	-	14	11	12	8
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	-	1	1
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	8	3	2	2
31	Business services .....	-	-	15	15	8	7
32	Personal services .....	-	1	60	54	42	30
33	Other services .....	-	-	4	7	6	2
34	Total services .....	-	1	90	79	59	42
35	Totals .....	12	18	472	426	365	329

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter, 1964 with Comparative Figures for 1963

Second quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963 \$'000	1964 \$'000	
-	-	2	-	23	35	804	1,066	1
-	1	-	-	9	4	170	356	2
-	-	-	-	1	1	19	19	3
-	1	-	-	13	18	1,748	1,375	4
-	-	1	-	18	16	859	1,850	5
-	-	1	-	13	6	244	121	6
-	-	-	-	11	8	985	644	7
-	-	-	-	1	1	710	83	8
-	-	-	-	2	-	73	-	9
-	-	-	-	3	-	466	-	10
-	-	-	-	2	2	409	91	11
-	-	-	-	1	-	25	-	12
-	-	-	-	12	20	1,699	3,429	13
-	2	2	-	86	76	7,407	7,968	14
4	4	1	4	61	70	5,455	9,516	15
3	4	4	1	108	87	5,370	2,510	16
7	8	5	5	169	157	10,825	12,026	17
5	3	-	2	31	43	822	1,273	18
1	2	-	2	68	66	1,984	1,648	19
2	1	-	1	16	17	784	1,345	20
6	3	3	2	123	98	3,986	2,819	21
1	4	3	2	48	58	3,680	1,561	22
2	3	-	2	42	36	2,623	3,378	23
1	4	1	-	45	27	1,690	951	24
1	1	-	-	5	4	125	192	25
5	-	2	6	66	68	2,078	2,050	26
19	18	9	15	413	374	16,950	13,944	27
-	-	1	-	28	19	8,594	8,515	28
3	-	-	-	7	1	607	14	29
-	-	-	-	10	5	1,020	303	30
-	-	-	-	23	22	1,036	633	31
2	1	1	-	105	86	3,328	3,746	32
-	1	-	-	10	10	126	422	33
5	2	1	-	155	124	6,117	5,118	34
36	33	20	22	905	828	51,519	49,910	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries										Construction industries	
	Number Liab.		Number Liab.		Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metal industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Number Liab.	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1963-January ....	331	13,348	4	414	37	2,973	6	700	4	906	-	-	-	-	69	3,606
February ....	286	14,066	10	287	31	2,340	7	854	2	116	-	1	21	-	47	1,453
March .....	328	18,067	15	1,204	34	2,730	6	1,095	4	294	-	-	-	-	56	2,861
April .....	296	21,897	8	464	30	3,891	7	584	3	312	1	710	2	73	56	3,481
May .....	304	15,819	9	224	36	2,494	7	177	6	584	-	-	-	-	61	4,693
June .....	305	13,803	6	116	20	1,022	4	98	2	89	-	-	-	-	52	2,651
July .....	280	20,562	8	287	30	4,075	6	562	3	614	2	813	-	-	46	2,357
August .....	269	11,356	8	131	30	3,226	5	223	4	1,199	2	534	1	115	55	2,323
September ..	277	12,340	12	358	26	1,444	6	242	8	568	1	242	1	28	69	2,623
October ....	345	18,139	16	420	26	2,479	7	414	3	342	-	-	-	-	76	5,479
November ...	345	18,604	10	602	33	3,303	3	37	7	264	1	1,146	-	-	65	3,147
December ...	311	17,601	5	261	32	2,591	6	183	1	20	1	93	3	233	62	5,510
1964-January ....	320	20,995	15	2,232	19	3,392	5	251	4	249	2	501	-	-	65	4,525
February ...	334	18,219	8	158	25	2,680	10	1,668	3	174	-	-	-	-	69	3,778
March .....	321	12,099	17	518	27	1,822	5	115	3	167	-	-	-	-	62	2,979
April .....	278	17,305	12	403	25	3,371	7	1,450	3	453	-	-	-	-	55	5,239
May .....	258	19,144	12	420	25	2,289	5	301	3	157	1	83	-	-	52	4,295
June .....	292	13,462	11	244	26	2,307	4	98	2	34	-	-	-	-	50	2,492
July .....																
August .....																
September ...																
October ....																
November ...																
December ...																
Six months 1963 .....	1,850	97,000	52	2,709	188	15,450	37	3,508	21	2,301	1	710	3	94	341	18,745
Six months 1964 .....	1,803	101,224	75	3,975	147	15,861	36	3,883	18	1,234	3	584	-	-	353	23,308

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities, by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation, communication and other utilities			Trade						Service		
	Number	Liab.	Total		Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.
			Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1963-January .....	8	225	156	4,250	28	675	24	586	17	406	52	1,248
February .....	18	475	139	8,610	25	1,334	22	3,227	21	954	39	829
March .....	17	581	154	5,522	26	493	31	1,429	9	275	38	1,169
April .....	7	96	140	8,087	28	636	16	3,134	15	645	49	2,059
May .....	9	269	132	5,019	19	1,040	14	300	16	470	49	1,575
June .....	15	456	141	3,844	21	307	18	246	14	575	57	2,484
July .....	16	256	123	7,167	31	624	16	397	14	561	48	3,050
August .....	17	384	106	2,711	17	274	18	587	12	507	47	1,611
September .....	10	139	98	2,923	15	299	9	138	13	285	50	1,847
October .....	13	285	156	4,604	27	450	15	299	14	694	50	2,108
November .....	17	2,719	153	3,733	24	506	13	300	17	432	53	3,477
December .....	19	938	136	4,852	30	964	11	280	11	244	45	1,326
1964-January .....	12	204	150	4,404	24	586	25	1,099	14	502	50	5,588
February .....	18	663	153	6,085	23	325	23	411	6	241	52	1,260
March .....	22	658	133	3,988	17	413	18	501	14	468	52	1,444
April .....	10	194	122	6,069	24	904	24	794	4	111	50	1,745
May .....	10	129	122	3,493	24	367	16	301	11	423	32	1,970
June .....	23	950	130	4,382	18	377	18	466	12	417	42	1,403
July .....												
August .....												
September .....												
October .....												
November .....												
December .....												
Six months 1963 .....	74	2,102	862	35,332	147	4,485	125	8,922	92	3,325	284	9,364
Six months 1964 .....	95	2,798	810	28,421	130	2,972	124	3,572	61	2,162	278	13,410

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1963-January .....	5	253	188	5,509	120	6,999	5	59	-	-
February .....	7	305	162	6,559	100	6,519	5	222	2	68
March .....	4	112	195	9,669	103	6,368	4	99	5	63
April .....	2	134	155	11,477	115	8,163	4	653	4	40
May .....	7	356	148	6,445	135	8,370	-	-	6	118
June .....	3	121	169	5,801	115	6,313	4	862	3	41
July .....	9	1,019	151	8,504	103	9,803	3	94	1	185
August .....	4	263	158	6,562	96	4,278	3	63	-	-
September .....	4	150	138	4,838	114	6,057	4	139	4	100
October .....	6	432	171	7,866	147	9,043	3	182	2	21
November .....	3	93	176	9,326	138	5,711	6	390	3	164
December .....	6	549	176	8,912	103	6,637	4	290	7	147
1964-January .....	4	161	181	11,780	106	4,754	3	68	4	87
February .....	3	408	176	11,677	124	5,070	7	193	4	136
March .....	8	292	178	5,703	108	3,886	6	287	2	181
April .....	8	120	156	6,235	99	10,122	3	114	-	-
May .....	4	176	127	11,727	106	6,520	3	247	2	92
June .....	6	363	143	6,115	124	5,859	5	238	1	27
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1963 .....	28	1,281	1,017	45,460	688	42,732	22	1,895	20	330
Six months 1964 .....	33	1,520	961	53,237	667	36,211	27	1,147	13	523
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1963-January .....	2	203	11	325	331	13,348	47	2,600	109	3,254
February .....	3	265	7	128	286	14,066	27	3,991	86	3,548
March .....	6	533	11	1,223	328	18,067	37	3,945	102	5,879
April .....	7	898	9	532	296	21,897	43	4,933	96	8,939
May .....	1	124	7	406	304	15,819	40	3,917	75	3,362
June .....	7	319	4	346	305	13,803	51	3,411	87	3,533
July .....	6	414	7	544	280	20,562	41	7,234	81	5,846
August .....	5	46	3	144	269	11,356	35	2,533	78	3,001
September .....	7	308	6	748	277	12,340	41	2,030	67	2,882
October .....	5	141	11	454	345	18,139	54	4,231	84	3,884
November .....	11	700	8	2,221	345	18,604	55	1,883	91	5,424
December .....	7	370	8	686	311	17,601	41	3,130	87	4,346
1964-January .....	5	168	17	3,977	320	20,995	43	2,874	102	8,750
February .....	9	316	11	419	334	18,219	38	1,422	93	9,004
March .....	9	1,440	10	310	321	12,099	34	1,665	92	2,750
April .....	5	226	7	488	278	17,305	24	5,922	79	2,763
May .....	6	125	10	257	258	19,144	39	2,973	70	8,407
June .....	8	671	5	189	292	13,462	50	2,967	63	3,113
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1963 .....	26	2,342	49	2,960	1,850	97,000	245	22,797	555	28,515
Six months 1964 .....	42	2,946	60	5,640	1,803	101,224	228	17,823	499	34,787



TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1963					1964				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	6	6	6	5	23	1	3			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	36	29	30	41	136	18	29			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	23	16	17	78	20	9			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	13	11	10	50	12	18			
Over \$100,000 .....	22	15	23	18	78	20	17			
Totals .....	102	86	86	91	365	71	76			
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	13	16	14	58	20	13			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	76	79	89	84	328	95	69			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	47	35	31	43	156	34	39			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	21	17	18	31	87	21	16			
Over \$100,000 .....	13	25	16	31	85	26	20			
Totals .....	172	169	170	203	714	196	157			
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	52	35	34	43	164	47	25			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	242	236	181	250	909	239	211			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	82	79	67	87	315	85	75			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	47	30	26	38	141	42	39			
Over \$100,000 .....	26	33	19	27	105	23	24			
Totals .....	449	413	327	445	1,634	436	374			
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	23	21	24	23	91	18	23			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	75	84	70	82	311	83	55			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	23	22	23	81	25	24			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	16	13	11	50	16	15			
Over \$100,000 .....	8	11	16	9	44	12	7			
Totals .....	129	155	145	148	577	154	124			
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	102	85	92	96	375	92	70			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	476	468	415	505	1,864	504	417			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	180	167	154	189	690	185	162			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	102	84	75	106	367	99	104			
Over \$100,000 .....	85	101	90	105	381	95	75			
Totals .....	945	905	826	1,001	3,677	975	828			
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	73	61	65	57	256	61	33			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	287	238	235	259	1,019	271	223			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	89	91	76	97	353	100	75			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	55	37	33	54	179	52	61			
Over \$100,000 .....	41	45	38	56	180	51	34			
Totals .....	545	472	447	523	1,987	535	426			
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	28	23	24	38	113	23	30			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	148	197	152	199	696	184	165			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	71	65	61	75	272	65	68			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	40	38	35	39	152	37	35			
Over \$100,000 .....	36	42	41	37	156	29	31			
Totals .....	323	365	313	388	1,389	338	329			

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1963-January .....	40.3	50.6	29.3	58.3	37.4	29.5	80.4	52.3	27.2	24.0
February .....	49.2	43.6	40.5	65.2	55.5	18.3	75.5	30.9	61.9	21.3
March .....	55.1	28.1	49.6	61.8	46.4	111.2	80.3	51.1	35.9	30.8
April .....	74.0	67.0	74.0	71.0	106.0	59.1	129.7	62.2	57.8	42.0
May .....	52.0	50.9	43.5	62.0	34.6	58.0	69.3	76.9	38.0	32.1
June .....	45.3	40.3	34.3	54.9	73.7	86.5	51.1	51.0	27.3	43.6
July .....	73.4	113.2	56.3	95.2	69.3	77.8	135.8	51.2	58.3	63.5
August .....	42.2	65.7	41.5	44.6	21.9	47.9	107.5	42.2	25.5	34.3
September .....	44.5	37.4	35.1	53.1	38.5	124.7	55.5	38.0	29.8	36.9
October .....	52.6	72.1	46.0	61.5	34.4	41.2	95.4	72.1	29.5	42.2
November .....	53.9	30.9	53.0	41.4	62.7	277.6	100.1	48.4	24.4	65.6
December .....	56.6	91.4	50.6	64.4	44.9	85.7	81.0	88.9	35.7	29.5
1964-January .....	65.6	40.2	65.1	44.8	26.8	23.4	178.5	69.6	29.4	111.8
February .....	54.5	136.0	66.3	40.9	32.3	38.1	107.2	54.8	39.8	24.2
March .....	37.7	36.5	32.0	36.0	112.2	31.0	67.5	48.0	30.0	27.8
April .....	62.2	15.0	40.0	102.2	42.5	69.6	134.8	95.3	49.7	34.9
May .....	74.2	43.8	92.3	61.5	42.2	25.7	91.6	82.6	28.6	61.6
June .....	46.1	60.5	42.8	47.2	66.9	37.8	88.7	49.8	33.7	33.4
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1963 .....	52.4	45.8	44.7	62.1	67.2	60.4	82.2	55.0	41.0	33.0
Six months 1964 .....	56.1	46.1	55.4	54.3	56.3	94.0	107.9	66.0	35.1	48.2

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1963-January .....	80	1	52	23	4	-	54	47	3	4
February .....	114	1	54	51	6	2	53	37	10	6
March .....	146	3	80	54	3	6	62	50	10	2
April .....	134	-	79	48	4	3	50	43	4	3
May .....	143	-	64	68	6	5	48	37	4	7
June .....	100	-	49	45	3	3	53	45	2	6
July .....	117	2	62	47	5	1	42	27	12	3
August .....	139	1	81	47	5	5	48	38	6	4
September .....	129	1	72	50	5	1	46	34	8	4
October .....	159	1	73	78	7	-	56	48	5	3
November .....	176	-	78	84	9	5	64	61	2	1
December .....	151	2	65	73	7	4	67	59	6	2
1964-January .....	179	4	87	74	12	2	61	51	6	4
February .....	166	-	87	68	7	4	53	46	5	2
March .....	194	-	97	90	6	1	66	54	8	4
April .....	214	3	102	90	16	3	49	43	1	5
May .....	176	-	78	87	7	4	50	40	5	5
June .....	181	1	85	85	7	3	54	46	7	1
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1963 .....	717	5	378	289	26	19	320	259	33	28
Six months 1964 .....	1,110	8	536	494	55	17	333	280	32	21

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During the third quarter of 1964 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 787, a decrease of 4.7 per cent from the revised total of 826 insolvencies recorded for the third quarter of 1963. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$47,057,000 for the third quarter of 1964, an increase of 6.3 per cent over the total of \$44,258,000 for the same period of 1963. Average liabilities per failure rose from \$53,581 to \$59,793 in the third quarter 1963-64 comparison. The increase in liabilities is due largely to failures in the construction and trade industries.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries:

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 310 failures compared with 327 for the same quarter of 1963. Liabilities increased from \$12,801,000 to \$17,018,000. Bankruptcies in the construction industry were somewhat lower in number but liabilities increased from \$7,304,000 to \$10,724,000. In the manufacturing industry the number of business failures was lower than in 1963. In the financial sector both the number of failures and the amount of liabilities were lower in the third quarter of 1964. The number of insolvent firms in the service industry was slightly higher as were the defaulted liabilities.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas:

There were 401 bankruptcies in Quebec during the third quarter of 1964 in comparison with 447 recorded for the same months of 1963. Estimated average liabilities rose from \$44,527 to \$49,281. In Ontario the number of business failures decreased from 313 to 301 and the average liabilities of these firms rose from \$64,338 to \$69,086. The number of bankruptcies in the Prairie Provinces increased from 33 to 44 and the average defaulted liabilities from \$40,879 to \$98,386. In British Columbia the number of business failures increased from 16 to 26 but the average liabilities declined sharply from \$89,750 to \$28,500.

Failures by Size of Liabilities:

The data presented in Table 4 indicate the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 bracket. Failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range increased from 75 to 87. Bankruptcies in the \$100,000 and over size group decreased from 90 to 82.

Average:

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or liquidations carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter, 1964 with Comparative Figures for 1963

No.		Third quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	1	15	14	9	12
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	1	-	4	5	3	4
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	1	2	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	3	8	2	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	10	8	7	5
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	8	6	1	5
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	7	2	7	6
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	-	3	2
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	1	2	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	1
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	1	-	2	-	3	2
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	9	5	7	3
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	2	-	44	37	37	29
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	2	3	29	31	16	29
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	-	68	44	43	39
17	Total construction industries .....	3	3	97	75	59	68
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	25	27	17	15
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	3	1	38	37	19	14
20	General merchandise .....	2	2	5	4	2	5
21	Automotive products .....	2	-	49	53	33	21
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	16	15	24	20
23	Hardware .....	-	1	15	10	12	11
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	2	19	19	19	16
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	2	2	2
26	Other trades .....	2	1	22	25	18	19
27	Total trade .....	9	7	165	165	129	108
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	-	18	9	7	9
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	1	2	2	2
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	7	4	4	4
31	Business services .....	-	2	11	7	8	8
32	Personal services .....	2	1	61	54	33	41
33	Other services .....	-	-	3	7	8	5
34	Total services .....	2	3	83	74	55	60
35	Totals .....	17	15	447	401	313	301

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter, 1964 with Comparative Figures for 1963

Third quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963 \$'000	1964 \$'000	
4	1	-	2	28	30	776	821	1
-	-	-	1	8	10	173	464	2
-	-	-	-	2	1	251	782	3
-	-	-	-	5	9	427	231	4
-	1	-	1	17	15	1,027	663	5
-	1	-	1	9	13	278	1,664	6
1	-	-	-	15	8	2,381	773	7
-	-	1	-	5	2	1,589	994	8
-	-	-	-	2	1	144	20	9
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	514	10
1	-	-	-	1	1	316	18	11
-	-	-	-	6	2	464	18	12
-	-	-	-	16	8	1,694	337	13
2	2	1	3	86	71	8,744	6,478	14
5	6	1	5	53	74	3,769	7,401	15
4	6	1	1	117	90	3,535	3,323	16
9	12	2	6	170	164	7,304	10,724	17
1	2	-	-	43	45	778	1,933	18
1	2	2	1	63	55	1,197	1,303	19
1	1	-	-	10	12	361	1,864	20
6	5	3	3	93	82	2,208	2,555	21
1	1	2	1	43	37	1,122	1,901	22
-	2	3	-	30	24	5,104	1,268	23
1	4	-	-	39	41	1,353	3,916	24
-	-	-	1	3	5	153	98	25
3	5	1	4	46	54	1,303	4,113	26
13	20	11	10	327	310	12,801	17,018	27
-	1	1	1	27	20	7,347	2,852	28
-	-	-	-	3	4	62	146	29
-	-	-	-	11	8	1,797	248	30
1	1	-	-	20	18	848	1,716	31
2	4	1	3	99	103	3,668	4,577	32
1	1	-	1	12	14	133	544	33
4	6	1	4	145	147	6,508	7,231	34
33	44	16	26	826	787	44,258	47,057	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data

	Total		Primary Industries		Manufacturing Industries										Construction	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery Industries		Transportation equipment		Number	Liab.
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1963-January ....	331	13,348	4	414	37	2,973	6	700	4	906	-	-	-	-	69	3,606
February ...	286	14,066	10	287	31	2,340	7	854	2	116	-	-	1	21	47	1,453
March .....	328	18,067	15	1,204	34	2,730	6	1,095	4	294	-	-	-	-	56	2,861
April .....	296	21,897	8	464	30	3,891	7	584	3	312	1	710	2	73	56	3,481
May .....	304	15,819	9	224	36	2,494	7	177	6	584	-	-	-	-	61	4,693
June .....	305	13,803	6	116	20	1,022	4	98	2	89	-	-	-	-	52	2,651
July .....	280	20,562	8	287	30	4,075	6	562	3	614	2	813	-	-	46	2,357
August .....	269	11,356	8	131	30	3,226	5	223	4	1,199	2	534	1	115	55	2,323
September ..	277	12,340	12	358	26	1,444	6	242	8	568	1	242	1	28	69	2,623
October ....	345	18,139	16	420	26	2,479	7	414	3	342	-	-	-	-	76	5,479
November ...	345	18,604	10	602	33	3,303	3	37	7	264	1	1,146	-	-	65	3,147
December ...	311	17,601	5	261	32	2,591	6	183	1	20	1	93	3	233	62	5,510
1964-January ....	320	21,897	15	2,232	19	4,270	5	260	4	249	2	1,370	-	-	65	4,542
February ...	334	18,223	8	158	25	2,679	10	1,668	3	174	-	-	-	-	69	3,778
March .....	322	12,217	17	532	27	1,822	5	115	3	167	-	-	-	-	62	2,979
April .....	279	17,332	12	403	26	3,376	7	1,450	3	453	-	-	-	-	55	5,239
May .....	258	19,205	12	419	25	2,289	5	301	3	158	1	83	-	-	52	4,299
June .....	291	13,688	11	262	26	2,311	4	98	2	36	-	-	-	-	50	2,558
July .....	264	17,564	4	189	26	2,596	3	263	5	178	1	292	1	20	60	4,078
August .....	230	13,502	15	345	23	1,330	6	289	1	28	-	-	-	-	49	4,491
September ..	293	15,991	11	287	22	2,553	6	111	2	567	1	702	-	-	55	2,155
October ....																
November ...																
December ...																
Nine months 1963 .....	2,676	141,258	80	3,485	274	24,195	54	4,535	36	4,682	6	2,299	5	237	511	26,048
Nine months 1964 .....	2,591	149,619	105	4,827	219	23,226	51	4,555	26	2,010	5	2,447	1	20	517	34,119

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries with Cumulative Data - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.	
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1963-January .....	8	225	4,250	28	675	24	586	17	406	52	1,248	
February .....	18	475	8,610	25	1,334	22	3,227	21	954	39	829	
March .....	17	581	5,522	26	493	31	1,429	9	275	38	1,169	
April .....	7	96	8,087	28	636	16	3,134	15	645	49	2,059	
May .....	9	269	5,019	19	1,040	14	300	16	470	49	1,575	
June .....	15	456	3,844	21	307	18	246	14	575	57	2,484	
July .....	16	256	7,167	31	624	16	397	14	561	48	3,050	
August .....	17	384	2,711	17	274	18	587	12	507	47	1,611	
September .....	10	139	2,923	15	299	9	138	13	285	50	1,847	
October .....	13	285	4,604	27	450	15	299	14	694	50	2,108	
November .....	17	2,719	3,733	24	506	13	300	17	432	53	3,477	
December .....	19	938	4,832	30	964	11	280	11	244	45	1,326	
1964-January .....	12	204	4,400	24	584	25	1,099	14	500	50	5,599	
February .....	18	663	6,095	23	323	23	411	6	241	52	1,255	
March .....	22	658	4,012	17	413	19	510	14	485	52	1,444	
April .....	10	194	6,093	24	904	24	812	4	111	50	1,745	
May .....	10	180	3,495	24	367	16	301	11	423	32	1,974	
June .....	23	1,086	4,376	18	377	18	486	12	418	42	1,412	
July .....	16	462	6,607	22	436	8	129	17	1,204	49	3,520	
August .....	13	945	4,392	7	175	12	412	8	1,550	37	1,724	
September .....	16	525	6,018	26	691	17	1,360	16	1,162	61	1,986	
October .....												
November .....												
December .....												
Nine months 1963 .....	117	2,881	48,133	210	5,682	168	10,044	131	4,678	429	15,872	
Nine months 1964 .....	140	4,917	45,488	185	4,270	162	5,520	102	6,094	425	20,659	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1963-January .....	5	253	188	5,509	120	6,999	5	59	-	-
February .....	7	305	162	6,559	100	6,519	5	222	2	68
March .....	4	112	195	9,669	103	6,368	4	99	5	63
April .....	2	134	155	11,477	115	8,163	4	653	4	40
May .....	7	356	148	6,445	135	8,370	-	-	6	118
June .....	3	121	169	5,801	115	6,313	4	862	3	41
July .....	9	1,019	151	8,504	103	9,803	3	94	1	185
August .....	4	263	158	6,562	96	4,278	3	63	-	-
September .....	4	150	138	4,838	114	6,057	4	139	4	100
October .....	6	432	171	7,866	147	9,043	3	182	2	21
November .....	3	93	176	9,326	138	5,711	6	390	3	163
December .....	6	549	176	8,912	103	6,637	4	290	7	157
1964-January .....	4	161	181	11,813	106	5,623	3	68	4	87
February .....	3	408	176	11,681	124	5,070	7	193	4	136
March .....	8	293	179	5,728	108	3,979	6	287	2	181
April .....	8	120	157	6,263	99	10,122	3	114	-	-
May .....	4	175	127	11,788	106	6,520	3	247	2	92
June .....	6	363	142	6,341	124	5,859	5	238	1	27
July .....	5	820	129	4,540	105	10,234	6	1,002	5	168
August .....	2	237	121	6,000	84	5,009	4	54	5	57
September .....	8	374	151	9,221	112	5,553	8	130	-	-
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1963 .....	45	2,712	1,464	65,364	1,001	62,870	32	2,191	25	615
Nine months 1964 .....	48	2,951	1,363	73,375	968	57,969	45	2,333	23	748
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1963-January .....	2	203	11	325	331	13,348	47	2,600	109	3,254
February .....	3	265	7	128	286	14,066	27	3,991	86	3,548
March .....	6	533	11	1,223	328	18,067	37	3,945	102	5,879
April .....	7	898	9	532	296	21,897	43	4,933	96	8,939
May .....	1	124	7	406	304	15,819	40	3,917	75	3,362
June .....	7	319	4	346	305	13,803	51	3,411	87	3,533
July .....	6	414	7	544	280	20,562	41	7,234	81	5,846
August .....	5	46	3	144	269	11,356	35	2,533	78	3,001
September .....	7	308	6	748	277	12,340	41	2,030	67	2,882
October .....	5	141	11	454	345	18,139	54	4,231	84	3,884
November .....	11	700	8	2,221	345	18,604	55	1,883	91	5,424
December .....	7	370	8	686	311	17,601	41	3,130	87	4,346
1964-January .....	5	168	17	3,977	320	21,897	43	3,743	102	8,753
February .....	9	316	11	419	334	18,223	38	1,422	93	9,004
March .....	9	1,439	10	310	322	12,217	34	1,758	93	2,761
April .....	5	226	7	487	279	17,332	24	5,922	79	2,774
May .....	6	125	10	257	258	19,204	39	2,973	70	8,415
June .....	8	671	5	189	291	13,688	50	2,970	63	3,265
July .....	3	449	11	352	264	17,565	40	5,798	66	2,303
August .....	6	2,015	8	130	230	13,502	34	3,021	51	3,036
September .....	7	454	7	259	293	15,991	30	2,534	75	5,668
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1963 .....	44	3,110	65	4,396	2,676	141,258	362	34,594	781	40,244
Nine months 1964 .....	58	5,863	86	6,380	2,591	149,619	332	30,141	692	45,979

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Selected Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1963					1964				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	6	6	6	5	23	1	4	3		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	36	29	30	41	136	18	28	29		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	23	16	17	78	20	10	21		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	13	11	10	50	13	18	8		
Over \$100,000 .....	22	15	23	18	78	19	17	10		
Totals .....	102	86	86	91	365	71	77	71		
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	13	16	14	58	20	13	10		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	76	79	89	84	328	95	69	77		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	47	35	31	43	156	34	39	39		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	21	17	18	31	87	21	16	17		
Over \$100,000 .....	13	25	16	31	85	26	20	21		
Totals .....	172	169	170	203	714	196	157	164		
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	52	35	34	43	164	47	26	24		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	242	236	181	250	909	240	208	172		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	82	79	67	87	315	85	76	55		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	47	30	26	38	141	42	38	31		
Over \$100,000 .....	26	33	19	27	105	23	25	28		
Totals .....	449	413	327	445	1,634	437	373	310		
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	23	21	24	23	91	18	22	20		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	75	84	70	82	311	83	56	66		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	23	22	23	81	25	24	23		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	16	13	11	50	16	15	23		
Over \$100,000 .....	8	11	16	9	44	12	7	15		
Totals .....	129	155	145	148	577	154	124	147		
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	102	85	92	96	375	92	71	61		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	476	468	415	505	1,864	505	412	394		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	180	167	154	189	690	184	165	163		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	102	84	75	106	367	98	103	87		
Over \$100,000 .....	85	101	90	105	381	97	77	82		
Totals .....	945	905	826	1,001	3,677	976	828	787		
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	73	61	65	57	256	61	34	37		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	287	238	235	259	1,019	272	219	194		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	89	91	76	97	353	100	77	88		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	55	37	33	54	179	52	60	47		
Over \$100,000 .....	41	45	38	56	180	51	36	35		
Totals .....	545	472	447	523	1,987	536	426	401		
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	28	23	24	38	113	23	30	21		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	148	197	152	199	696	184	164	153		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	71	65	61	75	272	64	69	55		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	40	38	35	39	152	37	35	35		
Over \$100,000 .....	36	42	41	37	156	30	31	37		
Totals .....	323	365	313	388	1,389	338	329	301		

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1963-January .....	40.3	50.6	29.3	58.3	37.4	29.5	80.4	52.3	27.2	24.0
February .....	49.2	43.6	40.5	65.2	55.5	18.3	75.5	30.9	61.9	21.3
March .....	55.1	28.1	49.6	61.8	46.4	111.2	80.3	51.1	35.9	30.8
April .....	74.0	67.0	74.0	71.0	106.0	59.1	129.7	62.2	57.8	42.0
May .....	52.0	50.9	43.5	62.0	34.6	58.0	69.3	76.9	38.0	32.1
June .....	45.3	40.3	34.3	54.9	73.7	86.5	51.1	51.0	27.3	43.6
July .....	73.4	113.2	56.3	95.2	69.3	77.8	135.8	51.2	58.3	63.5
August .....	42.2	65.7	41.5	44.6	21.9	47.9	107.5	42.2	25.5	34.3
September .....	44.5	37.4	35.1	53.1	38.5	124.7	55.5	38.0	29.8	36.9
October .....	52.6	72.1	46.0	61.5	34.4	41.2	95.4	72.1	29.5	42.2
November .....	53.9	30.9	53.0	41.4	62.7	277.6	100.1	48.4	24.4	65.6
December .....	56.6	91.4	50.6	64.4	44.9	85.7	81.0	88.9	35.7	29.5
1964-January .....	68.4	40.2	65.3	53.1	26.8	23.4	224.7	69.9	29.3	112.0
February .....	54.6	136.0	66.4	40.9	32.3	38.1	107.2	54.8	39.8	24.1
March .....	37.9	36.5	32.0	36.8	112.2	31.0	67.5	48.0	29.9	27.8
April .....	62.1	15.0	39.9	102.2	42.5	69.6	129.8	95.3	49.9	34.9
May .....	74.4	43.8	92.8	61.5	42.2	25.7	91.6	82.7	28.6	61.7
June .....	47.0	60.5	44.7	47.2	66.9	37.8	88.9	51.2	33.9	33.6
July .....	66.5	164.0	35.2	97.5	115.6	32.0	99.8	68.0	64.1	71.8
August .....	58.7	118.5	49.6	59.6	141.7	16.3	57.8	91.7	50.5	46.6
September .....	54.6	46.8	61.1	49.6	38.9	37.0	116.0	39.2	50.2	32.5
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1963 ....	52.8	60.3	44.6	62.8	58.6	67.6	88.3	51.0	40.5	37.0
Nine months 1964 ....	57.7	61.5	53.8	59.9	71.0	74.2	106.1	66.0	40.6	48.6

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1963-January .....	80	1	52	23	4	-	54	47	3	4
February .....	114	1	54	51	6	2	53	37	10	6
March .....	146	3	80	54	3	6	62	50	10	2
April .....	134	-	79	48	4	3	50	43	4	3
May .....	143	-	64	68	6	5	48	37	4	7
June .....	100	-	49	45	3	3	53	45	2	6
July .....	117	2	62	47	5	1	42	27	12	3
August .....	139	1	81	47	5	5	48	38	6	4
September .....	129	1	72	50	5	1	46	34	8	4
October .....	159	1	73	78	7	-	56	48	5	3
November .....	176	-	78	84	9	5	64	61	2	1
December .....	151	2	65	73	7	4	67	59	6	2
1964-January .....	179	4	87	74	12	2	61	51	6	4
February .....	166	-	87	68	7	4	53	46	5	2
March .....	193	-	96	90	6	1	66	54	8	4
April .....	214	3	102	90	16	3	49	43	1	5
May .....	176	-	78	87	7	4	50	40	5	5
June .....	181	1	85	85	7	3	54	46	7	1
July .....	170	3	73	79	10	5	39	36	1	2
August .....	170	3	96	60	4	7	58	54	1	3
September .....	173	3	78	78	10	4	54	43	9	2
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1963 ....	1,102	9	593	433	41	26	456	358	59	39
Nine months 1964 ....	1,622	17	782	711	79	33	484	413	43	28



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During the fourth quarter of 1964 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 908, a decrease of 9.3 per cent from the revised total of 1,001 insolvencies recorded for the fourth quarter of 1963. The estimated total of the liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$57,210,000, higher by 5.3 per cent than the total of \$54,344,000 recorded in the fourth quarter of 1963.

The total number of bankruptcies during the year was 3,499, a decrease of 5.1 per cent over the revised 1963 total of 3,677. Total liabilities were \$207,971,000 in comparison with \$195,602,000 for 1963.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of business failures occurred in the trade sector in which there were 1,492 compared with 1,634 in 1963. Liabilities of bankrupt firms declined from \$61,324,000 to \$58,425,000 in the trade industry. In the manufacturing industry the number of failures were lower with 327 in 1964 as compared with 365 in 1963 and liabilities were also lower with \$31,894,000 in 1964 as against \$32,568,000 in 1963. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was slightly lower but the liabilities rose from \$40,184,000 to \$49,811,000 in the 1963-64 comparison. In the financial sector the number of failures declined from 110 to 92 but the liabilities increased from \$27,153,000 to \$27,818,000. The number of insolvent firms in the service industries showed little change but the liabilities increased from \$626,000 to \$1,674,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 1,872 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the year 1964 compared with 1,987 for 1963. Estimated liabilities rose from \$91,468,000 to \$110,425,000. Average liabilities per failure was \$59,000 as compared with \$46,000 in 1963. In Ontario the number of failures was 1,281 in 1964 and 1,389 in 1963. Liabilities were also lower and average liabilities per failure were \$55,600 in 1964 and \$60,700 in 1963. In the Prairie Provinces the number of failures increased slightly but the liabilities of bankrupt firms increased from \$8,329,000 to \$12,145,000. In British Columbia the number of insolvencies were 116 as compared with 92 in 1963 but average liabilities per failure were lower.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicates that 50.2 per cent of the bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group, 19.8 per cent in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range, 11.3 per cent in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 and 10.1 per cent in the \$100,000 and over brackets.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1964 with Comparative Figures for 1963

No.		Fourth quarter									
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces		British Columbia	
		1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	1	12	21	15	13	2	3	2	3
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>										
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	6	7	2	-	2	1	-	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	8	12	4	2	-	-	-	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	8	13	6	3	-	1	2	3
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	5	7	4	11	-	2	-	-
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	7	7	4	7	-	1	-	-
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	5	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	6	12	7	7	1	-	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	51	64	35	34	3	6	2	4
	<u>Construction industries:</u>										
15	General contractors .....	1	4	43	54	37	28	5	4	2	4
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	1	66	54	46	35	1	3	1	2
17	Total construction industries .....	2	5	109	108	83	63	6	7	3	6
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	25	22	19	17	2	-	3	2
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>										
19	Food .....	3	1	42	34	30	17	4	2	2	1
20	General merchandise .....	-	2	2	9	6	6	1	2	-	2
21	Automotive products .....	2	6	70	62	42	34	6	8	4	5
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	-	22	19	10	16	3	2	3	3
23	Hardware .....	3	2	19	24	20	20	9	1	2	-
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	26	18	14	13	1	1	1	1
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	5	2	3	-	2	-	-
26	Other trades .....	1	1	41	27	45	19	6	2	1	1
27	Total trade .....	10	13	223	198	169	128	30	20	13	13
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	23	21	11	6	-	-	-	-
	<u>Services:</u>										
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	7	4	-	6	-	-	-	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	7	8	4	5	-	-	-	-
31	Business services .....	1	-	4	4	8	7	2	-	-	1
32	Personal services .....	2	-	51	51	35	27	3	1	4	1
33	Other services .....	-	-	11	8	9	7	-	-	-	-
34	Total services .....	3	-	80	75	56	52	5	1	4	2
35	Totals .....	15	19	523	509	388	313	48	37	27	30

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1964 with Comparative Figures for 1963

Total Fourth quarter				The year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	
		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000	
31	41	1,283	2,305	111	146	4,767	7,132	1
10	8	570	172	33	29	1,037	1,296	2
4	2	74	372	8	4	391	1,173	3
12	15	1,301	660	62	54	4,899	3,449	4
16	20	634	1,775	70	71	5,169	6,330	5
9	20	200	991	44	46	1,313	2,979	6
11	15	625	1,809	47	41	5,307	3,819	7
2	3	1,239	247	8	8	3,538	2,694	8
3	3	233	703	8	4	470	723	9
1	-	39	-	5	2	524	749	10
6	1	2,642	28	14	5	4,340	1,935	11
3	2	63	57	14	6	768	263	12
14	19	753	1,861	52	57	4,812	6,484	13
91	108	8,373	8,675	365	327	32,568	31,894	14
88	94	9,247	11,182	273	308	23,269	35,663	15
115	95	4,889	4,370	441	398	16,915	14,148	16
203	189	14,136	15,552	714	706	40,184	49,811	17
49	41	3,942	1,581	166	181	6,823	6,497	18
81	55	1,919	1,843	291	240	7,602	6,138	19
9	21	283	396	52	60	2,897	4,054	20
124	115	3,038	2,576	450	412	11,360	10,576	21
39	40	879	1,587	207	202	10,923	7,107	22
53	47	2,656	3,349	169	152	13,636	10,922	23
42	34	1,370	1,185	173	136	6,047	7,272	24
3	10	175	540	12	25	468	1,168	25
94	50	2,870	1,442	280	265	8,391	11,188	26
445	372	13,190	12,918	1,634	1,492	61,324	58,425	27
34	27	6,508	10,855	110	92	27,153	27,818	28
7	10	141	446	22	22	896	1,003	29
11	13	400	1,988	38	32	3,430	2,681	30
15	12	430	222	79	83	2,870	3,983	31
95	80	5,686	2,212	387	369	14,961	17,053	32
20	15	255	456	51	49	626	1,674	33
148	130	6,912	5,324	577	555	22,783	26,394	34
1,001	908	54,344	57,210	3,677	3,499	195,602	207,971	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

Total			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries										Construction industries				
						Total			Wood industries including furniture			Primary and fabricated metals industries			Machinery industries			Transportation equipment industries		
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		





TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1964-January .....	4	161	181	11,813	106	5,623	3	68	4	87
February .....	3	408	176	11,761	124	5,070	7	193	4	136
March .....	8	293	179	5,778	108	3,979	6	287	2	181
April .....	8	120	157	6,263	99	10,122	3	114	-	-
May .....	4	175	127	12,442	106	6,520	3	247	2	92
June .....	6	363	142	6,341	124	5,859	5	238	1	27
July .....	5	820	129	4,533	105	10,234	6	1,366	5	168
August .....	2	237	121	6,000	84	5,009	4	54	5	57
September .....	8	374	151	9,221	112	5,553	8	130	-	-
October .....	7	197	178	19,601	106	3,526	6	996	1	5
November .....	8	159	182	8,311	95	4,891	2	29	2	83
December .....	4	2,556	149	9,108	112	4,808	-	-	4	317
1965-January .....	3	58	144	5,020	127	6,224	6	2,020	2	19
February .....	4	102	147	9,302	118	9,747	2	26	3	99
March .....	6	398	211	9,954	117	7,362	4	213	1	23
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1964 ....	15	862	536	29,352	338	14,672	16	548	10	404
Three months 1965 ....	13	558	502	24,276	362	23,333	12	2,259	6	141
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1964-January .....	5	168	17	3,977	320	21,897	43	3,743	102	8,753
February .....	9	317	11	419	334	18,304	38	1,422	93	9,004
March .....	9	1,439	10	310	322	12,267	34	1,758	93	2,761
April .....	5	226	7	488	279	17,333	24	5,922	79	2,774
May .....	6	125	10	257	258	19,858	39	2,973	70	8,996
June .....	8	671	5	189	291	13,688	50	2,970	63	3,265
July .....	3	449	11	352	264	17,922	40	5,798	66	2,301
August .....	6	2,015	8	130	230	13,502	34	3,021	51	3,036
September .....	7	454	7	259	293	15,991	30	2,534	75	5,668
October .....	9	585	8	183	315	25,092	35	1,717	70	9,312
November .....	7	92	10	953	306	14,519	35	1,789	79	2,834
December .....	6	729	12	844	287	18,362	40	1,554	68	5,790
1965-January .....	12	455	8	303	302	14,099	49	2,196	71	2,386
February .....	8	334	9	418	291	20,028	46	4,854	63	6,310
March .....	11	998	7	3,383	357	22,331	44	5,038	94	4,976
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1964 ....	23	1,924	38	4,706	976	52,468	115	6,923	288	20,518
Three months 1965 ....	31	1,787	24	4,104	950	56,458	139	12,088	228	13,672

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1964					1965				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	1	4	3	6	14	4				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	18	28	29	37	112	31				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	10	21	31	82	25				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	13	18	8	14	53	14				
Over \$100,000 .....	19	17	10	20	66	15				
Totals .....	71	77	71	108	327	89				
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	13	10	12	55	8				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	94	69	77	77	317	92				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	34	39	38	39	150	47				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	22	16	18	28	84	18				
Over \$100,000 .....	26	20	21	33	100	20				
Totals .....	196	157	164	189	706	185				
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	47	26	24	38	135	45				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	240	207	172	215	834	222				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	85	77	55	60	277	84				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	42	38	31	38	149	34				
Over \$100,000 .....	23	25	28	21	97	28				
Totals .....	437	373	310	372	1,492	413				
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	22	20	13	73	20				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	82	56	66	71	275	65				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	24	23	25	97	26				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	17	15	23	10	65	18				
Over \$100,000 .....	12	7	15	11	45	13				
Totals .....	154	124	147	130	555	142				
<u>Ontario Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	92	71	61	77	301	84				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	504	410	394	445	1,753	472				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	183	165	162	185	695	199				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	102	103	88	105	398	102				
Over \$100,000 .....	95	79	82	96	352	93				
Totals .....	976	828	787	908	3,499	950				
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	61	34	37	47	179	54				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	270	217	194	239	920	256				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	100	77	87	107	371	101				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	54	60	48	57	219	51				
Over \$100,000 .....	51	38	35	59	183	40				
Totals .....	536	426	401	509	1,872	502				
<u>Manitoba:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	23	30	21	22	96	28				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	184	164	153	163	664	177				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	64	69	55	66	254	75				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	35	35	37	144	40				
Over \$100,000 .....	30	31	37	25	123	42				
Totals .....	338	329	301	313	1,281	362				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
thousands of dollars										
1964-January .....	68.4	40.2	65.3	53.1	26.8	23.4	224.7	69.9	29.3	112.0
February .....	54.8	136.0	66.8	40.9	32.3	38.1	107.2	55.9	39.8	24.1
March .....	38.1	36.5	32.3	36.8	112.2	31.0	67.5	48.1	29.9	28.6
April .....	62.1	15.0	39.9	102.2	42.5	69.6	129.8	95.3	49.9	34.9
May .....	77.0	43.8	98.0	61.5	42.2	25.7	91.6	83.6	28.9	61.7
June .....	47.0	60.5	44.7	47.2	66.9	37.8	88.9	51.2	33.9	33.6
July .....	67.9	164.0	35.1	97.5	141.6	32.0	99.6	68.1	64.1	77.3
August .....	58.7	118.5	49.6	59.6	141.7	16.3	57.8	91.7	50.5	46.6
September .....	54.6	46.8	61.1	49.6	38.9	37.0	116.0	39.2	50.2	32.5
October .....	79.7	28.1	110.1	33.3	99.1	22.9	120.1	97.2	31.8	29.6
November .....	47.4	19.8	45.7	51.5	18.6	95.3	58.5	68.6	29.2	61.6
December .....	64.0	63.9	61.1	42.9	104.6	70.3	74.6	84.9	45.8	42.5
1965-January .....	46.7	19.3	34.9	49.0	124.8	37.8	66.5	47.8	45.7	40.8
February .....	68.8	25.5	63.3	82.6	35.3	46.4	81.2	87.0	28.5	122.0
March .....	62.6	66.3	47.2	62.9	77.1	483.4	85.4	39.5	50.4	39.6
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1964 ...	53.8	57.5	54.8	43.4	58.7	123.9	123.5	58.1	33.2	54.2
Three months 1965 ...	59.4	42.9	48.4	64.5	85.5	171.0	79.1	55.0	41.4	58.0

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1964-January .....	179	4	87	74	12	2	61	51	6	4
February .....	166	-	87	68	7	4	53	46	5	2
March .....	193	-	96	90	6	1	66	54	8	4
April .....	214	3	102	90	16	3	49	43	1	5
May .....	176	-	78	87	7	4	50	40	5	5
June .....	181	1	85	85	7	3	54	46	7	1
July .....	170	3	73	79	10	5	39	36	1	2
August .....	170	3	96	60	4	7	57	53	1	3
September .....	173	3	78	78	10	4	54	43	9	2
October .....	187	1	90	82	10	4	59	47	10	2
November .....	189	2	94	82	8	3	50	48	2	-
December .....	144	-	70	56	12	6	60	44	12	4
1965-January .....	174	4	83	62	16	9	45	42	1	2
February .....	169	1	77	80	6	5	42	31	10	1
March .....	214	5	95	101	9	4	60	55	4	1
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1964 ...	538	4	270	232	25	7	180	151	19	10
Three months 1965 ...	557	10	255	243	31	18	147	128	15	4

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SECOND QUARTER 1965

During the second quarter of 1965 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 827, a fractional decrease from the revised total of 828 insolvencies recorded for the second quarter of 1964. The estimated total of the liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$51,121,000 as compared with \$50,879,000 for the same quarter of last year.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 332 failures compared with 173 in the second quarter of 1964, however, liabilities were slightly higher. In the manufacturing industries group, the number of business failures increased from 77 to 98 and the liabilities from \$7,976,000 to \$9,941,000 in the 1964-65 comparison. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry remained the same as in the same quarter of last year and the liabilities declined. In the financial sector the number of failures were higher but the liabilities were lower. The number of insolvent firms in the service industry were slightly lower but the liabilities increased.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 428 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the second quarter of 1965, compared with 426 for the same period of 1964. Estimated liabilities of these firms decreased from \$25,046,000 to \$22,690,000. In Ontario the number of business failures decreased from 329 to 318 and the liabilities from \$22,501,000 to \$21,140,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvent firms rose from 33 to 44 and the liabilities from \$1,740,000 to \$4,628,000. In British Columbia the number of bankrupt firms increased slightly and the liabilities rose from \$934,000 to \$1,754,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range increased from 103 to 120 and in the \$100,000 and over from 79 to 95 in the 1964-65 comparison.

Average

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter 1965 with Comparative Figures for 1964

No.		Second quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	24	20	11	14
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	1	1	-	2	2	4
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	2
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	14	13	3	3
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	1	10	12	6	10
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	3	7	4	5
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	4	11	4	1
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	1	1	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	2
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	3	1	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	2	-	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	11	6	9	7
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	2	44	58	30	36
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	3	-	35	29	24	19
16	Special trade contractors .....	4	1	39	53	39	46
17	Total construction industries .....	7	1	74	82	63	65
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	-	22	25	15	18
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	2	1	33	42	27	10
20	General merchandise .....	1	-	4	1	10	4
21	Automotive products .....	-	4	49	44	43	28
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	2	31	24	20	11
23	Hardware .....	1	1	12	13	18	17
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	14	17	9	19
25	Drugs .....	1	-	-	1	2	5
26	Other trades .....	2	-	29	27	31	31
27	Total trade .....	8	9	172	169	160	125
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	11	7	8	15
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	-	3	1	3
30	Recreational services .....	-	1	3	8	2	4
31	Business services .....	-	-	15	7	7	8
32	Personal services .....	1	1	54	43	30	25
33	Other services .....	-	-	7	6	2	5
34	Total services .....	1	2	79	67	42	45
35	Totals .....	18	14	426	428	329	318



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter 1965 with Comparative Figures for 1964 - Concluded

Second quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
1964	1965	1964	1965	Number		Liabilities		
				1964	1965	1964	1965	
						\$'000	\$'000	
-	2	-	6	35	42	1,084	2,065	1
1	-	-	-	4	7	356	367	2
-	-	-	-	1	2	20	846	3
1	-	-	-	18	16	1,375	2,088	4
-	-	-	-	16	23	1,850	1,471	5
-	-	-	-	7	12	126	482	6
-	1	-	1	8	14	646	544	7
-	-	-	-	1	1	83	207	8
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	9	9
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1,280	10
-	-	-	-	2	4	91	350	11
-	-	-	-	-	3	-	129	12
-	-	-	-	20	13	3,429	2,169	13
2	1	-	1	77	98	7,976	9,942	14
4	2	4	3	70	53	9,586	4,557	15
4	4	1	-	87	104	2,557	6,004	16
8	6	5	3	157	157	12,143	10,561	17
3	9	2	-	43	52	1,460	1,893	18
2	3	2	1	66	57	1,673	1,942	19
1	-	1	-	17	5	1,343	88	20
3	6	2	2	97	84	2,809	3,189	21
4	3	2	2	58	42	1,599	743	22
3	5	2	-	36	36	3,384	2,024	23
4	2	-	2	27	41	952	2,618	24
1	-	-	-	4	6	192	819	25
-	1	6	2	68	61	2,037	2,827	26
18	20	15	9	373	332	13,989	14,250	27
-	1	-	1	19	24	9,096	7,118	28
-	-	-	-	1	6	14	417	29
-	1	-	1	5	14	303	1,037	30
1	4	-	2	22	16	633	898	31
1	-	-	-	86	75	3,761	2,756	32
-	-	-	-	10	11	420	184	33
2	5	-	3	124	122	5,131	5,292	34
33	44	22	23	828	827	50,879	51,121	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction industries			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Number	Liab.
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000		\$'000
1964-January ....	320	21,897	15	2,232	19	4,270	5	260	4	249	2	1,370	-	-	65	4,542
February ....	334	18,304	8	159	25	2,679	10	1,668	3	174	-	-	-	-	69	3,859
March .....	322	12,267	17	532	27	1,822	5	115	3	167	-	-	-	-	62	2,984
April .....	279	17,333	12	403	26	3,376	7	1,450	3	453	-	-	-	-	55	5,239
May .....	258	19,858	12	419	25	2,289	5	301	3	158	1	83	-	-	52	4,346
June .....	291	13,688	11	262	26	2,311	4	98	2	36	-	-	-	-	50	2,558
July .....	264	17,922	4	189	26	2,589	3	263	5	178	1	292	1	20	60	4,085
August .....	230	13,502	15	345	23	1,330	6	289	1	28	-	-	-	-	49	4,491
September ..	293	15,991	11	287	22	2,553	6	111	2	567	1	702	-	-	55	2,155
October ....	315	25,092	18	930	31	3,722	7	872	4	1,130	-	-	1	41	63	6,123
November ...	306	14,519	13	1,063	32	1,872	4	357	4	161	1	35	2	662	68	4,667
December ...	287	18,362	10	316	45	3,354	9	546	7	518	2	212	-	-	58	4,926
1965-January ....	302	14,133	13	495	24	1,597	8	376	4	694	-	-	1	11	59	2,854
February ....	351	22,222	16	1,569	27	2,192	5	98	6	1,090	-	-	-	-	50	5,418
March .....	358	22,892	21	753	38	3,277	8	309	5	523	-	-	-	-	77	3,389
April .....	277	16,903	15	997	33	2,887	7	322	7	173	-	-	-	-	50	5,280
May .....	292	19,514	14	531	30	3,972	7	494	5	249	1	207	-	-	59	3,399
June .....	258	14,703	13	537	35	3,083	9	656	2	122	-	-	2	9	48	1,882
July .....																
August .....																
September ..																
October ....																
November ...																
December ...																
Six months 1964 .....	1,804	103,347	75	4,007	148	16,747	36	3,892	18	1,237	3	1,453	-	-	353	23,528
Six months 1965 .....	1,778	109,290	92	4,882	187	17,008	44	2,255	29	2,851	1	207	3	20	343	22,222

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

Transportation communication and utilities			Trade				Service			
			Total		Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances	
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1964-January .....			150	4,400	24	584	25	1,099	14	500
18 February .....	204		153	6,095	23	323	23	411	6	241
22 March .....	658		134	4,012	17	413	19	510	14	485
April .....			122	6,093	24	904	24	812	4	111
10 May .....	194		122	3,520	24	391	16	301	11	423
23 June .....	1,086		129	4,376	18	377	18	486	12	418
July .....			103	6,600	22	436	8	129	17	1,197
13 August .....	945		87	4,392	7	175	12	412	8	1,550
16 September .....	526		120	6,018	26	691	17	1,360	16	1,162
October .....			128	4,064	22	513	12	541	9	307
7 November .....	132		140	4,081	18	982	14	326	14	484
22 December .....	1,137		104	4,768	15	349	14	720	11	394
1965-January .....			138	6,300	12	293	27	878	16	329
20 February .....	529		139	3,962	12	240	21	666	13	420
21 March .....	619		136	6,900	27	559	23	2,117	9	403
April .....			116	4,423	20	603	12	181	17	539
13 May .....	541		125	6,440	23	994	13	182	18	1,381
17 June .....	670		91	3,388	14	345	17	379	6	698
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1964 .....			810	28,496	130	2,992	125	3,619	61	2,178
1965 .....			745	31,413	108	3,034	113	4,403	79	3,770
Total .....			1,555	59,909	238	6,026	238	8,022	140	5,948
Total .....			1,555	59,909	238	6,026	238	8,022	140	5,948

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1964-January .....	4	161	181	11,813	106	5,623	3	68	4	87
February .....	3	408	176	11,761	124	5,070	7	193	4	136
March .....	8	293	179	5,778	108	3,979	6	287	2	181
April .....	8	120	157	6,263	99	10,122	3	114	-	-
May .....	4	175	127	12,442	106	6,520	3	247	2	92
June .....	6	363	142	6,341	124	5,859	5	238	1	27
July .....	5	820	129	4,533	105	10,234	6	1,366	5	168
August .....	2	237	121	6,000	84	5,009	4	54	5	57
September .....	8	374	151	9,221	112	5,553	8	130	-	-
October .....	7	197	178	19,601	106	3,526	6	996	1	5
November .....	8	159	182	8,311	95	4,891	2	29	2	83
December .....	4	2,556	149	9,108	112	4,808	-	-	4	317
1965-January .....	3	58	144	5,020	127	6,224	6	2,020	2	19
February .....	4	102	147	9,351	118	9,747	2	26	3	99
March .....	6	398	212	10,515	117	7,362	4	213	1	23
April .....	5	494	155	6,978	90	5,100	5	80	-	-
May .....	7	301	147	10,238	117	7,642	3	343	2	14
June .....	2	114	126	5,473	111	8,397	2	103	2	25
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1964 .....	33	1,520	962	54,398	667	37,173	27	1,147	13	523
Six months 1965 .....	27	1,467	931	47,575	680	44,472	22	2,785	10	180
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1964-January .....	5	168	17	3,977	320	21,897	43	3,743	102	8,753
February .....	9	317	11	419	334	18,304	38	1,422	93	9,004
March .....	9	1,439	10	310	322	12,267	34	1,758	93	2,761
April .....	5	226	7	488	279	17,333	24	5,922	79	2,774
May .....	6	125	10	257	258	19,858	39	2,973	70	8,996
June .....	8	671	5	189	291	13,688	50	2,970	63	3,265
July .....	3	449	11	352	264	17,922	40	5,798	66	2,301
August .....	6	2,015	8	130	230	13,502	34	3,021	51	3,036
September .....	7	454	7	259	293	15,991	30	2,534	75	5,668
October .....	9	585	8	183	315	25,092	35	1,717	70	9,312
November .....	7	92	10	953	306	14,519	35	1,789	79	2,834
December .....	6	729	12	844	287	18,362	40	1,554	68	5,790
1965-January .....	12	489	8	303	302	14,133	49	2,196	71	2,386
February .....	8	1,403	9	418	291	21,145	46	4,854	63	6,357
March .....	11	998	7	3,383	358	22,892	44	5,038	94	5,387
April .....	11	2,987	11	1,263	277	16,903	41	2,746	77	3,954
May .....	10	635	6	341	292	19,514	51	3,895	69	5,919
June .....	9	441	6	150	258	14,703	38	1,924	58	2,437
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1964 .....	42	2,946	60	5,640	1,804	103,347	228	18,788	500	35,553
Six months 1965 .....	61	6,953	47	5,858	1,778	109,290	269	20,653	432	26,440

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1964					1965				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	1	4	3	6	14	4	6			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	18	28	29	37	112	30	22			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	10	21	31	82	26	27			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	13	18	8	14	53	14	21			
Over \$100,000 .....	19	17	10	20	66	15	22			
Totals .....	71	77	71	108	327	89	98			
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	13	10	12	55	8	9			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	94	69	77	77	317	91	73			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	34	39	38	39	150	47	32			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	22	16	18	28	84	18	25			
Over \$100,000 .....	26	20	21	33	100	22	18			
Totals .....	196	157	164	189	706	186	157			
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	47	26	24	38	135	45	39			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	240	207	172	215	834	221	166			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	85	77	55	60	277	85	63			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	42	38	31	38	149	34	35			
Over \$100,000 .....	23	25	28	21	97	28	29			
Totals .....	437	373	310	372	1,492	413	332			
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	22	20	13	73	20	13			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	82	56	66	71	275	65	58			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	24	23	25	97	26	21			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	17	15	23	10	65	18	21			
Over \$100,000 .....	12	7	15	11	45	13	9			
Totals .....	154	124	147	130	555	142	122			
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	92	71	61	77	301	84	72			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	504	410	394	445	1,753	467	376			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	183	165	162	185	695	202	164			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	102	103	88	105	398	103	120			
Over \$100,000 .....	95	79	82	96	352	95	95			
Totals .....	976	828	787	908	3,499	951	827			
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	61	34	37	47	179	54	44			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	270	217	194	239	920	252	195			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	100	77	87	107	371	104	96			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	54	60	48	57	219	52	51			
Over \$100,000 .....	51	38	35	59	183	41	42			
Totals .....	536	426	401	509	1,872	503	428			
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	23	30	22	22	96	28	23			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	184	164	153	163	664	177	152			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	64	69	55	66	254	75	53			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	35	35	37	144	40	50			
Over \$100,000 .....	30	31	37	25	123	42	40			
Totals .....	338	329	301	313	1,281	362	318			



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1964-January .....	68.4	40.2	65.3	53.1	26.8	23.4	224.7	69.9	29.3	112.0
February .....	54.8	136.0	66.8	40.9	32.3	38.1	107.2	55.9	39.8	24.1
March .....	38.1	36.5	32.3	36.8	112.2	31.0	67.5	48.1	29.9	28.6
April .....	62.1	15.0	39.9	102.2	42.5	69.6	129.8	95.3	49.9	34.9
May .....	77.0	43.8	98.0	61.5	42.2	25.7	91.6	83.6	28.9	61.7
June .....	47.0	60.5	44.7	47.2	66.9	37.8	88.9	51.2	33.9	33.6
July .....	67.9	164.0	35.1	97.5	141.6	32.0	99.6	68.1	64.1	77.3
August .....	58.7	118.5	49.6	59.6	141.7	16.3	57.8	91.7	50.5	46.6
September .....	54.6	46.8	61.1	49.6	38.9	37.0	116.0	39.2	50.2	32.5
October .....	79.7	28.1	110.1	33.3	99.1	22.9	120.1	97.2	31.8	29.6
November .....	47.4	19.8	45.7	51.5	18.6	95.3	58.5	68.6	29.2	61.6
December .....	64.0	63.9	61.1	42.9	104.6	70.3	74.6	84.9	45.8	42.5
1965-January .....	46.8	19.3	34.9	49.0	126.4	37.8	66.5	48.4	45.7	40.8
February .....	72.7	25.5	63.6	82.6	117.6	46.4	81.2	108.4	28.5	122.0
March .....	63.9	66.3	49.6	62.9	77.1	483.4	86.2	39.5	50.7	40.8
April .....	61.0	98.8	45.0	56.7	191.7	114.8	87.5	105.6	38.1	60.6
May .....	66.8	43.4	69.6	65.3	66.1	56.8	132.4	57.6	51.5	30.5
June .....	57.0	57.0	43.4	75.6	43.8	25.0	88.1	39.2	37.2	41.2
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1964 .....	57.3	46.1	56.5	55.7	111.9	94.0	113.2	66.7	35.2	48.5
Six months 1965 .....	61.5	54.3	51.1	65.4	106.6	124.6	91.0	64.8	42.2	51.5

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1964-January .....	179	4	87	74	12	2	61	51	6	4
February .....	166	-	87	68	7	4	53	46	5	2
March .....	193	-	96	90	6	1	66	54	8	4
April .....	214	3	102	90	16	3	49	43	1	5
May .....	176	-	78	87	7	4	50	40	5	5
June .....	181	1	85	85	7	3	54	46	7	1
July .....	170	3	73	79	10	5	39	36	1	2
August .....	170	3	96	60	4	7	57	53	1	3
September .....	173	3	78	78	10	4	54	43	9	2
October .....	187	1	90	82	10	4	59	47	10	2
November .....	189	2	94	82	8	3	50	48	2	-
December .....	144	-	70	56	12	6	60	44	12	4
1965-January .....	174	4	83	62	16	9	45	42	1	2
February .....	169	1	77	80	6	5	42	31	10	1
March .....	214	5	95	101	9	4	60	55	4	1
April .....	141	-	51	74	13	3	44	36	7	1
May .....	160	1	74	70	11	4	60	49	7	4
June .....	152	2	55	67	23	5	56	48	7	1
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1964 .....	1,109	8	535	494	55	17	333	280	32	21
Six months 1965 .....	1,010	13	435	454	78	30	307	261	36	10

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

THIRD QUARTER 1965

The total number of business failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts during the third quarter of 1965 has been estimated at 735 compared with 787 for the third quarter of 1964. Estimated liabilities in default rose sharply to \$227,819,000 in comparison with \$47,414,000 for the same quarter of last year with failures in the Finance industry accounting for a substantial portion of the increase.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the Trade industry with 301 failures compared with 310 in the third quarter of 1964. Liabilities in this sector increased from \$17,011,000 to \$19,727,000. In the Manufacturing industries the number of insolvencies was fractionally lower but liabilities increased from \$6,472,000 to \$13,600,000 in the 1964-65 comparison. Similarly the Construction industry experienced a smaller number of failures, from 164 to 130 but liabilities increased from \$10,732,000 to \$18,885,000. The largest amount of defaulted liabilities was observed in the Finance industry where it is estimated that 38 failures occurred involving \$165,114,000; this compares with 20 failures and liabilities of \$2,852,000 in the corresponding quarter of last year. There were fewer bankruptcies in the Service industry and liabilities showed a decline.

### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

While the number of business failures in Ontario increased slightly in the third quarter of 1965 compared with last year's similar quarter, corresponding liabilities rose from \$20,795,000 to \$195,595,000. Estimated liabilities in Quebec in this quarter increased from \$19,754,000 to \$28,078,000, with a decline in the number of failures from 401 to 378. In the Prairie Provinces, the number of business failures decreased from 44 to 26 and the liabilities from \$4,692,000 to \$2,351,000. There were fewer bankruptcies in British Columbia, 21 compared with 26, but liabilities rose from \$741,000 to \$1,508,000.

### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range decreased slightly. The number of insolvencies in the \$100,000 and over group increased from 82 to 127 in the 1964-65 third quarter comparison.

### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter 1965, with Comparative Figures for 1964

No.		Third quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	1	-	14	11	12	24
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	5	4	4	2
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	1
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	8	7	1	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	8	11	5	9
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	6	2	5	4
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	2	2	6	3
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	2
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	2	1	2
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	5	3	3	5
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	37	32	29	32
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	3	1	31	27	29	17
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	-	44	49	39	29
17	Total construction industries .....	3	1	75	76	68	46
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	-	27	20	15	13
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	3	37	30	14	16
20	General merchandise .....	2	2	4	5	5	8
21	Automotive products .....	-	-	53	50	21	29
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	15	16	20	11
23	Hardware .....	1	-	10	23	11	10
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	2	-	19	16	16	10
25	Drugs .....	-	-	2	1	2	2
26	Other trades .....	1	1	25	24	19	27
27	Total trade .....	7	6	165	165	108	113
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	9	10	9	28
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	2	3	2	3
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	4	6	4	3
31	Business services .....	2	-	7	7	8	2
32	Personal services .....	1	-	54	43	41	35
33	Other services .....	-	-	7	5	5	4
34	Total services .....	3	-	74	64	60	47
35	Totals .....	15	7	401	378	301	303

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter 1965, with Comparative Figures for 1964 - Concluded

Third quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	
						\$'000	\$'000	
1	2	2	2	30	39	820	2,845	1
-	-	1	-	10	6	458	324	2
-	-	-	-	1	1	782	754	3
-	-	-	1	9	9	231	905	4
1	-	1	-	15	20	663	6,340	5
1	-	1	-	13	6	1,664	223	6
-	-	-	1	8	6	773	746	7
-	-	-	-	2	1	994	833	8
-	-	-	-	1	2	20	223	9
-	-	-	-	1	4	514	1,407	10
-	2	-	-	1	4	18	583	11
-	-	-	-	2	1	18	263	12
-	1	-	1	8	10	337	999	13
2	3	3	3	71	70	6,472	13,600	14
6	1	5	2	74	48	7,408	12,375	15
6	3	1	1	90	82	3,324	6,510	16
12	4	6	3	164	130	10,732	18,885	17
2	5	-	1	45	39	1,931	2,562	18
2	-	1	-	55	49	1,303	3,610	19
1	3	-	1	12	19	1,864	2,801	20
5	2	3	4	82	85	2,555	3,185	21
1	-	1	1	37	28	1,901	745	22
2	2	-	-	24	35	1,268	3,464	23
4	-	-	1	41	27	3,909	767	24
-	-	1	-	5	3	98	146	25
5	2	4	1	54	55	4,113	5,009	26
20	9	10	8	310	301	17,011	19,727	27
1	-	1	-	20	38	2,852	165,114	28
-	-	-	1	4	7	146	203	29
-	-	-	2	8	11	248	934	30
1	1	-	1	18	11	2,081	756	31
4	2	3	-	103	80	4,577	2,989	32
1	-	1	-	14	9	544	204	33
6	3	4	4	147	118	7,596	5,086	34
44	26	26	21	787	735	47,414	227,819	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

Total			Primary industries		Manufacturing industries										Construction industries	
					Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries			
Number	Liab.	Number Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
\$'000			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1964-January ....	320 21,897	15 2,232	19 4,270	5 260	4 249	2 1,370	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	4,542		
February ....	334 18,303	8 158	25 2,679	10 1,668	3 174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	3,859		
March .....	322 12,267	17 532	27 1,822	5 115	3 167	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	2,984		
April .....	279 17,333	12 403	26 3,376	7 1,450	3 453	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	5,239		
May .....	258 19,858	12 419	25 2,289	5 301	3 158	1 83	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	4,346		
June .....	291 13,688	11 262	26 2,311	4 98	2 36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	2,558		
July .....	264 17,922	7 1,063	26 2,589	3 263	5 178	1 292	1 20	4,085					60			
August .....	230 13,502	15 345	23 1,330	6 289	1 28	-	-	4,491					49	4,491		
September ..	293 15,991	11 287	22 2,553	6 111	2 567	1 702	-	2,155					55	2,155		
October ....	315 25,092	18 930	31 3,722	7 872	4 1,130	-	-	6,123					63	6,123		
November ...	306 14,519	13 1,063	32 1,872	4 357	4 161	1 35	2 662	4,667					68	4,667		
December ...	287 18,362	10 316	45 3,354	9 546	7 518	2 212	-	4,926					58	4,926		
1965-January ....	302 14,431	13 495	24 1,762	8 376	4 859	-	-	1 11	2,854				59	2,854		
February ...	291 21,363	16 1,569	27 2,199	5 98	6 1,096	-	-	-	5,622				50	5,622		
March .....	358 23,020	21 753	38 3,308	8 309	5 523	-	-	-	3,400				77	3,400		
April .....	278 17,050	15 1,013	33 2,887	7 322	7 173	-	-	-	5,286				50	5,286		
May .....	293 20,045	14 584	31 4,361	7 494	5 248	1 1 207	-	-	3,399				59	3,399		
June .....	259 15,155	13 537	35 3,317	9 662	2 129	-	-	2 9	2,138				48	2,138		
July .....	276 180,569	12 401	18 2,036	6 171	1 265	-	-	-	4,596				42	4,596		
August .....	188 29,689	15 2,147	23 8,844	6 5,843	2 447	-	-	-	9,485				30	9,485		
September ..	271 17,560	12 297	29 2,721	8 326	3 34	1 834	2 223	4,804					58	4,804		
October ....																
November ...																
December ...																
Nine months	2,591 150,761	105 4,827	219 23,219	51 4,555	26 2,010	5 2,447	1 20	34,259					517	34,259		
1964 .....																
Nine months	2,516 338,882	131 7,796	258 31,435	64 8,601	35 3,774	2 1,041	5 243	41,584					473	41,584		
1965 .....																



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service			
				Total		Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances			
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1964-January .....	12	204		150	4,400	24	584	25	1,099	14	500	50	5,599
February .....	18	663		153	6,095	23	323	23	411	6	241	52	1,255
March .....	22	658		134	4,013	17	413	19	510	14	485	52	1,489
April .....	10	194		122	6,093	24	904	24	812	4	111	50	1,745
May .....	10	180		122	3,520	24	392	16	301	11	423	32	1,975
June .....	23	1,086		129	4,376	18	377	18	486	12	418	42	1,412
July .....	16	460		103	6,600	22	436	8	129	17	1,197	49	3,885
August .....	13	945		87	4,392	7	175	12	412	8	1,550	37	1,724
September .....	16	526		120	6,018	26	691	17	1,360	16	1,162	61	1,986
October .....	12	312		128	4,064	22	513	12	541	9	307	51	1,508
November .....	7	132		140	4,081	18	982	14	326	14	484	41	2,527
December .....	22	1,137		104	4,768	15	349	14	720	11	394	38	1,616
1965-January .....	8	119		138	6,421	12	293	27	883	16	329	53	2,176
February .....	20	533		139	3,965	12	240	21	666	13	420	31	3,782
March .....	21	619		136	6,931	27	559	23	2,117	9	403	58	2,421
April .....	22	682		117	4,549	20	603	12	182	18	666	36	2,180
May .....	13	541		125	6,442	23	994	13	182	18	1,381	40	1,306
June .....	17	670		92	3,322	14	345	17	404	6	698	46	1,920
July .....	19	557		112	8,031	19	453	11	335	7	92	48	2,318
August .....	9	725		87	7,618	16	2,725	10	280	6	158	22	845
September .....	11	1,280		102	4,078	14	432	7	130	14	516	48	1,922
October .....													
November .....													
December .....													
Nine months 1964 .....	140	4,916		1,120	45,507	185	4,295	162	5,520	102	6,087	425	21,070
Nine months 1965 .....	140	5,726		1,048	51,357	157	6,644	141	5,179	107	4,663	382	18,870

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1964-January .....	4	161	181	11,813	106	5,623	3	68	4	87
February .....	3	408	176	11,761	124	5,070	7	193	4	136
March .....	8	293	179	5,778	108	3,979	6	287	2	181
April .....	8	120	157	6,263	99	10,122	3	114	-	-
May .....	4	175	127	12,442	106	6,520	3	247	2	92
June .....	6	363	142	6,341	124	5,859	5	238	1	27
July .....	5	820	129	4,533	105	10,234	6	1,366	5	168
August .....	2	237	121	6,000	84	5,009	4	54	5	57
September .....	8	374	151	9,221	112	5,553	8	130	-	-
October .....	7	197	178	19,601	106	3,526	6	996	1	5
November .....	8	159	182	8,311	95	4,891	2	29	2	83
December .....	4	2,556	149	9,108	112	4,808	-	-	4	317
1965-January .....	3	58	144	5,255	127	6,224	6	2,020	2	19
February .....	4	306	147	9,364	118	9,747	2	26	3	99
March .....	6	398	212	10,643	117	7,362	4	213	1	23
April .....	6	620	155	6,999	90	5,100	5	80	-	-
May .....	7	301	147	10,380	118	8,031	3	343	2	14
June .....	2	115	127	5,899	111	8,424	2	103	2	25
July .....	6	273	132	11,612	119	167,333	1	4	1	12
August .....	1	12	103	8,361	75	20,335	-	-	-	-
September .....	-	-	143	8,105	109	7,928	2	150	2	135
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1964 .....	48	2,951	1,363	74,152	968	57,969	45	2,697	23	748
Nine months 1965 .....	35	2,083	1,310	76,618	984	240,484	25	2,939	13	327
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1964-January .....	5	168	17	3,977	320	21,897	43	3,743	102	8,753
February .....	9	316	11	419	334	18,303	38	1,422	93	9,004
March .....	9	1,439	10	310	322	12,267	34	1,758	93	2,761
April .....	5	226	7	488	279	17,333	24	5,922	79	2,774
May .....	6	125	10	257	258	19,858	39	2,973	70	8,996
June .....	8	671	5	189	291	13,688	50	2,970	63	3,265
July .....	3	449	11	352	264	17,922	40	5,798	66	2,301
August .....	6	2,015	8	130	230	13,502	34	3,021	51	3,036
September .....	7	454	7	259	293	15,991	30	2,534	75	5,668
October .....	9	585	8	183	315	25,092	35	1,717	70	9,312
November .....	7	92	10	953	306	14,519	35	1,789	79	2,834
December .....	6	729	12	844	287	18,362	40	1,554	68	5,790
1965-January .....	12	492	8	361	302	14,431	49	2,196	71	2,622
February .....	8	1,403	9	418	291	21,363	46	4,854	63	6,357
March .....	11	998	7	3,383	358	23,020	44	5,038	94	5,411
April .....	11	2,987	11	1,263	278	17,050	41	2,746	77	3,954
May .....	10	635	6	341	293	20,045	51	3,895	69	5,919
June .....	9	441	6	150	259	15,155	38	1,924	58	2,922
July .....	9	593	8	743	276	180,569	50	161,610	53	5,684
August .....	5	780	4	201	188	29,689	29	18,897	45	5,363
September .....	6	678	9	565	271	17,560	39	4,264	63	3,498
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1964 .....	58	5,863	86	6,381	2,591	150,761	332	30,141	692	46,558
Nine months 1965 .....	81	9,007	68	7,425	2,516	338,882	387	205,424	593	41,730

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1964					1965				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	1	4	3	6	14	4	6	4		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	18	28	29	37	112	30	22	21		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	10	21	31	82	25	27	14		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	13	18	8	14	53	15	21	11		
Over \$100,000 .....	19	17	10	20	66	15	23	20		
Totals .....	71	77	71	108	327	89	99	70		
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	13	10	12	55	8	9	4		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	94	69	77	77	317	90	73	56		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	34	39	38	39	150	46	31	18		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	22	16	18	28	84	19	25	16		
Over \$100,000 .....	26	20	21	33	100	23	19	36		
Totals .....	196	157	164	189	706	186	157	130		
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	47	26	24	38	135	45	39	18		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	240	207	172	215	834	220	166	151		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	85	77	55	60	277	85	64	70		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	42	38	31	38	149	34	36	32		
Over \$100,000 .....	23	25	28	21	97	29	29	30		
Totals .....	437	373	310	372	1,492	413	334	301		
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	22	20	13	73	20	13	10		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	82	56	66	71	275	65	57	60		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	24	23	25	97	26	22	24		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	17	15	23	10	65	18	20	14		
Over \$100,000 .....	12	7	15	11	45	13	10	10		
Totals .....	154	124	147	130	555	142	122	118		
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	92	71	61	77	301	83	72	37		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	504	410	394	445	1,753	465	373	339		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	183	165	162	185	695	201	166	149		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	102	103	88	105	398	105	121	83		
Over \$100,000 .....	95	79	82	96	352	97	98	127		
Totals .....	976	828	787	908	3,499	951	830	735		
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	61	34	37	47	179	53	44	22		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	270	217	194	239	920	252	193	163		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	100	77	87	107	371	103	96	84		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	54	60	48	57	219	54	52	51		
Over \$100,000 .....	51	38	35	59	183	41	44	58		
Totals .....	536	426	401	509	1,872	503	429	378		
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	23	30	21	22	96	28	23	14		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	184	164	153	163	664	177	151	155		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	64	69	55	66	254	75	55	52		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	35	35	37	144	40	50	28		
Over \$100,000 .....	30	31	37	25	123	42	40	54		
Totals .....	338	329	301	313	1,281	362	319	303		

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
thousands of dollars										
1964-January .....	68.4	40.2	65.3	53.1	26.8	23.4	224.7	69.9	29.3	112.0
February .....	54.8	136.0	66.8	40.9	32.3	38.1	107.2	55.9	39.8	24.1
March .....	38.1	36.5	32.3	36.8	112.2	31.0	67.5	48.1	29.9	28.6
April .....	62.1	15.0	39.9	102.2	42.5	69.6	129.8	95.3	49.9	34.9
May .....	77.0	43.8	98.0	61.5	42.2	25.7	91.6	83.6	28.9	61.7
June .....	47.0	60.5	44.7	47.2	66.9	37.8	88.9	51.2	33.9	33.6
July .....	67.9	164.0	35.1	97.5	141.6	32.0	99.6	68.1	64.1	77.3
August .....	58.7	118.5	49.6	59.6	141.7	16.3	57.8	91.7	50.5	46.6
September .....	54.6	46.8	61.1	49.6	38.9	37.0	116.0	39.2	50.2	32.5
October .....	79.7	28.1	110.1	33.3	99.1	22.9	120.1	97.2	31.8	29.6
November .....	47.4	19.8	45.7	51.5	18.6	95.3	58.5	68.6	29.2	61.6
December .....	64.0	63.9	61.1	42.9	104.6	70.3	74.6	84.9	45.8	42.5
1965-January .....	47.8	19.3	36.5	49.0	126.6	45.1	73.4	48.4	46.5	41.1
February .....	73.4	76.5	63.7	82.6	117.6	46.4	81.4	112.4	28.5	122.0
March .....	64.3	66.3	50.2	62.9	77.1	483.4	87.1	44.2	51.0	41.7
April .....	61.3	103.3	45.2	56.7	191.7	114.8	87.5	105.7	38.9	60.6
May .....	68.4	43.4	70.6	68.1	66.1	56.8	140.7	57.6	51.5	32.6
June .....	58.5	57.0	46.4	75.9	43.8	25.0	94.8	44.5	36.1	41.7
July .....	654.2	45.5	88.0	1,406.2	55.4	92.9	113.1	109.4	71.7	48.3
August .....	157.9	12.4	81.2	271.1	156.0	50.2	384.5	316.2	87.6	38.4
September .....	64.8	-	56.7	72.7	96.2	62.8	93.8	82.8	40.0	40.0
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1964 ....	58.2	61.5	54.4	59.9	73.9	74.2	106.0	66.3	40.6	49.6
Nine months 1965 ....	134.7	59.5	58.5	244.4	103.1	109.2	121.8	87.9	49.0	49.4

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the average shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1964-January .....	179	4	87	74	12	2	61	51	6	4
February .....	166	-	87	68	7	4	53	46	5	2
March .....	193	-	96	90	6	1	66	54	8	4
April .....	214	3	102	90	16	3	49	43	1	5
May .....	176	-	78	87	7	4	50	40	5	5
June .....	181	1	85	85	7	3	54	46	7	1
July .....	170	3	73	79	10	5	39	36	1	2
August .....	170	3	96	60	4	7	57	53	1	3
September .....	173	3	78	78	10	4	54	43	9	2
October .....	187	1	90	82	10	4	59	47	10	2
November .....	189	2	94	82	8	3	50	48	2	-
December .....	144	-	70	56	12	6	60	44	12	4
1965-January .....	174	4	83	62	16	9	45	42	1	2
February .....	169	1	77	80	6	5	42	31	10	1
March .....	213	5	94	101	9	4	60	55	4	1
April .....	141	-	51	74	13	3	44	36	7	1
May .....	159	1	74	69	11	4	60	49	7	4
June .....	151	2	54	67	23	5	56	48	7	1
July .....	123	-	54	60	6	3	33	29	4	-
August .....	133	-	70	53	7	3	33	30	3	-
September .....	137	1	65	56	12	3	38	37	1	-
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1964 ....	1,622	17	782	711	79	33	483	412	43	28
Nine months 1965 ....	1,400	14	622	622	103	39	411	357	44	10

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

Fourth Quarter 1965

According to preliminary figures the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 782 during the fourth quarter of 1965, a decrease of 3.9 per cent from the revised total of 908 insolvencies recorded for the fourth quarter of 1964. The estimated total of the liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$53,616,000, lower by 7.5 per cent than the total of \$57,973,000 recorded for the same quarter of 1964.

The total number of business failures in 1965 was 3,298, lower by 5.7 per cent than the revised total of 3,499 for 1964.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of business failures occurred in the trade sector with 1,360 compared with 1,492 in 1964. Liabilities increased from \$58,420,000 to \$65,246,000 in the trade industry. In the manufacturing industry the number of failures was 346 in 1965 as compared with 327 in 1964 and the liabilities increased from \$32,167,000 to \$41,209,000. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was 630 in 1965 as compared with 706 for 1964 and the liabilities increased from \$49,976,000 in 1964 to \$52,451,000 in 1965. In the financial sector the number of failures increased from 92 to 115 and the liabilities rose sharply from \$27,818,000 to \$192,624,000 in the 1964-65 comparison. The number of insolvent firms in the service industries was 503 in 1965 compared with 555 in 1964 and the liabilities decreased from \$26,721,000 to \$24,778,000 in 1965.

Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 1,749 business failures in Quebec during 1965 compared with 1,872 for 1964. Estimated liabilities declined from \$111,172,000 to \$105,985,000. In Ontario the number of insolvent businesses was 1,250 in 1965 compared with 1,281 for 1964. Liabilities increased from \$71,194,000 in 1964 to \$259,006,000 in 1965 due largely to failures in the financial industries. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvent firms rose slightly with the liabilities showing an increase from \$12,144,000 to \$15,233,000. There were fewer bankruptcies in British Columbia, 90 compared with 116, but the liabilities rose from \$8,361,000 to \$9,787,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range declined slightly. The number of insolvencies in the \$100,000 and over group increased from 352 in 1964 to 440 in 1965.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1965 with Comparative Figures for 1964

No.		Fourth quarter									
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces		British Columbia	
		1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	1	-	21	11	13	6	3	3	3	-
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>										
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	7	2	-	1	1	-	-	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	12	19	2	1	-	1	1	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	13	11	3	8	1	-	3	1
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	7	6	11	6	2	-	-	-
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	7	5	7	2	1	1	-	-
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	12	5	7	1	-	-	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	64	57	34	26	6	4	4	1
	<u>Construction industries:</u>										
15	General contractors .....	4	3	54	32	28	21	4	6	4	2
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	-	54	47	35	37	3	6	2	3
17	Total construction industries .....	5	3	108	79	63	58	7	12	6	5
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	22	28	17	18	-	6	2	1
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>										
19	Food .....	1	1	34	35	17	15	2	2	1	1
20	General merchandise .....	2	1	9	6	6	6	2	-	2	-
21	Automotive products .....	6	-	62	43	34	26	8	5	5	4
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	19	34	16	13	2	1	3	-
23	Hardware .....	2	-	24	14	20	9	1	1	-	-
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	1	18	20	13	14	1	2	1	1
25	Drugs .....	-	-	5	5	3	1	2	1	-	1
26	Other trades .....	1	-	27	26	19	17	2	3	1	3
27	Total trade .....	13	3	198	183	128	101	20	15	13	10
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	21	14	6	15	-	2	-	-
	<u>Services:</u>										
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	4	1	6	1	-	1	-	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	8	10	5	2	-	-	-	1
31	Business services .....	-	-	4	6	7	7	-	1	1	1
32	Personal services .....	-	2	51	47	27	29	1	1	1	3
33	Other services .....	-	-	8	3	7	3	-	2	-	-
34	Total services .....	-	2	75	67	52	42	1	5	2	5
35	Totals .....	19	8	509	439	313	266	37	47	30	22

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1965 with Comparative Figures for 1964 - Concluded

Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	
		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000	
41	20	2,309	734	146	151	7,136	8,531	1
8	3	172	126	29	22	1,296	1,015	2
2	1	589	20	4	5	1,391	2,000	3
15	21	716	3,950	54	57	3,505	7,783	4
20	20	1,775	2,066	71	84	6,330	10,666	5
20	12	991	838	46	38	2,978	1,827	6
15	8	1,809	730	41	43	3,819	4,504	7
3	4	247	414	8	6	2,694	1,455	8
3	3	703	448	4	8	723	691	9
-	4	-	433	2	10	749	3,182	10
1	4	28	369	5	17	1,935	1,866	11
2	2	57	106	6	8	263	1,166	12
19	6	1,861	265	57	48	6,484	5,054	13
108	88	8,948	9,765	327	346	32,167	41,209	14
94	64	11,182	4,115	308	244	35,663	28,015	15
95	93	4,534	6,752	398	386	14,313	24,436	16
189	157	15,716	10,867	706	630	49,976	52,451	17
41	53	1,581	1,959	181	193	6,496	7,685	18
55	54	1,843	1,478	240	211	6,138	8,123	19
21	13	396	332	60	53	4,054	3,937	20
115	78	2,576	2,941	412	362	10,576	12,004	21
40	48	1,588	3,328	202	189	7,107	8,507	22
47	24	3,370	2,792	152	141	10,943	12,826	23
34	38	1,185	911	136	145	7,272	5,573	24
10	8	540	153	25	19	1,168	1,181	25
50	49	1,415	1,953	265	240	11,162	13,095	26
372	312	12,913	13,888	1,492	1,360	58,420	65,246	27
27	31	10,855	10,495	92	115	27,818	192,624	28
10	3	434	301	22	27	990	1,349	29
13	13	1,988	1,115	32	52	2,729	4,199	30
12	15	222	688	83	55	3,935	3,051	31
80	82	2,552	3,089	369	328	17,393	12,710	32
15	8	455	715	49	41	1,674	3,469	33
130	121	5,651	5,908	555	503	26,721	24,778	34
908	782	57,973	53,616	3,499	3,298	208,734	392,524	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Primary industries		Manufacturing industries						Construction industries								
	Total		Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Construction industries				
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000			
1964-January ....	320	21,897	15	2,232	19	4,270	5	260	4	249	2	1,370	-	-	65	4,542	
February ....	334	18,303	8	158	25	2,679	10	1,668	3	174	-	-	-	-	69	3,859	
March .....	322	12,267	17	532	27	1,822	5	115	3	167	-	-	-	-	62	2,984	
April .....	279	17,333	12	403	26	3,376	7	1,450	3	453	-	-	-	-	55	5,239	
May .....	258	19,858	12	419	25	2,289	5	301	3	158	1	83	-	-	52	4,346	
June .....	291	13,688	11	262	26	2,311	4	98	2	36	-	-	-	-	50	2,558	
July .....	264	17,922	4	189	26	2,589	3	263	5	178	1	292	1	20	60	4,085	
August .....	230	13,502	15	345	23	1,330	6	289	1	28	-	-	-	-	49	4,491	
September ..	293	15,991	11	287	22	2,553	6	111	2	567	1	702	-	-	55	2,155	
October ....	315	25,092	18	930	31	3,722	7	872	4	1,130	-	-	-	1	41	63	6,123
November ...	306	14,519	13	1,063	32	1,872	4	357	4	161	1	35	2	662	68	4,667	
December ...	287	18,362	10	316	45	3,354	9	546	7	518	2	212	-	-	58	4,927	
1965-January ....	302	14,431	13	495	24	1,762	8	376	4	859	-	-	1	11	59	2,854	
February ...	291	21,363	16	1,569	27	2,199	5	98	6	1,096	-	-	-	-	50	5,622	
March .....	358	23,020	21	753	38	3,308	8	309	5	523	-	-	-	-	77	3,400	
April .....	278	17,050	15	1,013	33	2,887	7	322	7	173	-	-	-	-	50	5,286	
May .....	293	20,056	14	584	31	4,371	7	494	5	248	1	207	-	-	59	3,399	
June .....	259	15,168	13	537	35	3,317	9	662	2	129	-	-	2	9	48	2,138	
July .....	276	180,569	12	401	18	2,036	6	171	1	265	-	-	-	-	42	4,597	
August .....	188	29,689	15	2,147	23	8,844	6	5,843	2	447	-	-	-	-	30	9,485	
September ...	271	17,562	12	297	29	2,721	8	326	3	34	1	834	2	223	58	4,804	
October ....	256	17,403	7	337	30	2,933	6	489	3	484	2	222	1	211	51	4,797	
November ...	286	17,120	8	315	28	2,043	7	400	1	33	-	-	-	-	56	3,407	
December ...	240	19,093	5	83	30	4,788	7	1,176	4	213	2	192	2	237	50	2,662	
Twelve months 1964 .....	3,499	208,734	146	7,136	327	32,167	71	6,330	41	3,819	8	2,694	4	723	706	49,976	
Twelve months 1965 .....	3,298	392,524	151	8,531	346	41,209	84	10,666	43	4,504	6	1,455	8	691	630	52,451	

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities			Trade						Service		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Number	Liab.	
				Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.			
		\$'000	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1964-January .....	12	204	4,400	24	584	25	1,099	14	500	50	5,599	
February .....	18	663	6,095	23	323	23	411	6	241	52	1,255	
March .....	22	658	4,013	17	413	19	510	14	485	52	1,489	
April .....	10	194	6,093	24	904	24	812	4	111	50	1,745	
May .....	10	180	3,520	24	392	16	301	11	423	32	1,975	
June .....	23	1,086	4,376	18	377	18	486	12	418	42	1,412	
July .....	16	460	6,600	22	436	8	129	17	1,197	49	3,885	
August .....	13	945	4,392	7	175	12	412	8	1,550	37	1,724	
September .....	16	525	6,018	26	691	17	1,360	16	1,162	61	1,986	
October .....	12	312	4,064	22	513	12	541	9	307	51	1,508	
November .....	7	132	4,081	18	982	14	326	14	484	41	2,527	
December .....	22	1,137	4,768	15	348	14	720	11	394	38	1,616	
1965-January .....	8	119	6,421	12	293	27	883	16	329	53	2,176	
February .....	20	533	3,965	12	240	21	666	13	420	31	3,782	
March .....	21	619	6,931	27	559	23	2,117	9	403	58	2,421	
April .....	22	682	4,549	20	603	12	182	18	666	36	2,180	
May .....	13	541	6,442	23	994	13	182	18	1,381	40	1,306	
June .....	17	670	3,322	14	345	17	404	6	698	46	1,920	
July .....	19	557	8,031	19	453	11	335	7	92	48	2,318	
August .....	9	725	7,618	16	2,725	10	280	6	158	22	845	
September .....	11	1,280	4,079	14	432	7	130	14	516	48	1,922	
October .....	18	642	3,612	23	772	22	478	12	401	29	1,791	
November .....	24	974	5,323	14	334	13	498	10	165	49	2,406	
December .....	11	343	4,953	17	373	13	2,352	16	344	43	1,711	
Twelve months 1964 .....	181	6,496	58,420	240	6,138	202	7,107	136	7,272	555	26,721	
Twelve months 1965 .....	193	7,685	65,246	211	8,123	189	8,507	145	5,573	503	24,778	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1964-January .....	4	161	181	11,813	106	5,623	3	68	4	87
February .....	3	408	176	11,761	124	5,070	7	193	4	136
March .....	8	293	179	5,778	108	3,979	6	287	2	181
April .....	8	120	157	6,263	99	10,122	3	114	-	-
May .....	4	175	127	12,442	106	6,520	3	247	2	92
June .....	6	363	142	6,341	124	5,859	5	238	1	27
July .....	5	820	129	4,533	105	10,234	6	1,366	5	168
August .....	2	237	121	6,000	84	5,009	4	54	5	57
September .....	8	374	151	9,221	112	5,553	8	130	-	-
October .....	7	196	178	19,601	106	3,526	6	996	1	5
November .....	8	160	182	8,311	95	4,891	2	29	2	83
December .....	4	2,556	149	9,108	112	4,808	-	-	4	317
1965-January .....	3	58	144	5,255	127	6,224	6	2,020	2	19
February .....	4	306	147	9,364	118	9,747	2	26	3	99
March .....	6	398	212	10,643	117	7,362	4	213	1	23
April .....	6	620	155	6,999	90	5,100	5	80	-	-
May .....	7	301	147	10,380	118	8,042	3	343	2	14
June .....	2	115	127	5,911	111	8,424	2	103	2	25
July .....	6	273	132	11,612	119	167,333	1	4	1	12
August .....	1	12	103	8,361	75	20,335	-	-	-	-
September .....	-	-	143	8,103	109	7,932	2	150	2	135
October .....	3	42	144	9,429	92	6,131	2	193	2	81
November .....	3	344	161	9,490	91	5,697	11	240	4	54
December .....	2	44	134	10,437	83	6,679	3	162	3	45
Twelve months 1964 ....	67	5,863	1,872	111,172	1,281	71,194	53	3,722	30	1,153
Twelve months 1965 ....	43	2,513	1,749	105,985	1,250	259,006	41	3,534	22	507
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1964-January .....	5	168	17	3,977	320	21,897	43	3,743	102	8,753
February .....	9	316	11	419	334	18,303	38	1,422	93	9,004
March .....	9	1,439	10	310	322	12,267	34	1,758	93	2,761
April .....	5	226	7	488	279	17,333	24	5,922	79	2,774
May .....	6	125	10	257	258	19,858	39	2,973	70	8,996
June .....	8	671	5	189	291	13,688	50	2,970	63	3,265
July .....	3	449	11	352	264	17,922	40	5,798	66	2,301
August .....	6	2,015	8	130	230	13,502	34	3,021	51	3,036
September .....	7	454	7	259	293	15,991	30	2,534	75	5,668
October .....	9	585	8	183	315	25,092	35	1,717	70	9,312
November .....	7	92	10	953	306	14,519	35	1,789	79	2,834
December .....	6	729	12	844	287	18,362	40	1,554	68	5,790
1965-January .....	12	492	8	361	302	14,431	49	2,196	71	2,622
February .....	8	1,403	9	418	291	21,363	46	4,854	63	6,359
March .....	11	998	7	3,383	358	23,020	44	5,038	94	5,411
April .....	11	2,987	11	1,263	278	17,050	41	2,746	77	3,954
May .....	10	635	6	341	293	20,056	51	3,906	69	5,919
June .....	9	441	6	150	259	15,168	38	1,924	58	2,935
July .....	9	593	8	743	276	180,569	50	161,610	53	5,684
August .....	5	780	4	201	188	29,689	29	18,897	45	5,363
September .....	6	678	9	565	271	17,562	39	4,272	63	3,498
October .....	8	1,195	5	332	256	17,403	31	3,545	62	4,869
November .....	4	190	12	1,104	286	17,120	36	1,903	70	4,638
December .....	10	800	5	926	240	19,093	29	4,619	61	8,049
Twelve months 1964 ....	80	7,269	116	8,361	3,499	208,734	442	35,201	909	64,494
Twelve months 1965 ....	103	11,192	90	9,787	3,298	392,524	483	215,510	786	59,301



TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1964					1965				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	1	4	3	6	14	4	6	4	2	16
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	18	28	29	37	112	30	22	21	22	95
25,000 " 50,000 ....	20	10	21	31	82	25	27	14	17	83
50,000 " 100,000 ....	13	18	8	14	53	15	21	11	18	65
Over \$100,000 .....	19	17	10	20	66	15	23	20	29	87
Totals .....	71	77	71	108	327	89	99	70	88	346
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	13	10	12	55	8	9	4	13	34
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	94	69	77	77	317	90	73	56	66	285
25,000 " 50,000 ....	34	39	38	39	150	46	31	18	32	127
50,000 " 100,000 ....	22	16	18	28	84	19	25	16	22	82
Over \$100,000 .....	26	20	21	33	100	23	19	36	24	102
Totals .....	196	157	164	189	706	186	157	130	157	630
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	47	26	24	38	135	45	39	18	19	121
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	240	207	172	215	834	220	166	151	174	711
25,000 " 50,000 ....	85	77	55	60	277	85	64	70	67	286
50,000 " 100,000 ....	42	38	31	38	149	34	36	32	25	127
Over \$100,000 .....	23	25	28	21	97	29	29	30	27	115
Totals .....	437	373	310	372	1,492	413	334	301	312	1,360
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	18	22	20	13	73	20	13	10	8	51
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	82	56	66	71	275	65	57	60	69	251
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	24	23	25	97	26	22	24	20	92
50,000 " 100,000 ....	17	15	23	10	65	18	20	14	9	61
Over \$100,000 .....	12	7	15	11	45	13	10	10	15	48
Totals .....	154	124	147	130	555	142	122	118	121	503
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	92	71	61	77	301	83	72	37	46	238
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	504	410	394	445	1,753	465	373	339	380	1,557
25,000 " 50,000 ....	183	165	162	185	695	201	166	149	152	668
50,000 " 100,000 ....	102	103	88	105	398	105	121	83	86	395
Over \$100,000 .....	95	79	82	96	352	97	98	127	118	440
Totals .....	976	828	787	908	3,499	951	830	735	782	3,298
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	61	34	37	47	179	53	44	22	30	149
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	270	217	194	239	920	252	193	163	206	814
25,000 " 50,000 ....	100	77	87	107	371	103	96	84	90	373
50,000 " 100,000 ....	54	60	48	57	219	54	52	51	49	206
Over \$100,000 .....	51	38	35	59	183	41	44	58	64	207
Totals .....	536	426	401	509	1,872	503	429	378	439	1,749
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	23	30	21	22	96	28	23	14	14	79
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	184	164	153	163	664	177	151	155	134	617
25,000 " 50,000 ....	64	69	55	66	254	75	55	52	51	233
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	35	35	37	144	40	50	28	28	146
Over \$100,000 .....	30	31	37	25	123	42	40	54	39	175
Totals .....	338	329	301	313	1,281	362	319	303	266	1,250

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure (1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1964-January .....	68.4	40.2	65.3	53.1	26.8	23.4	224.7	69.9	29.3	112.0
February .....	54.8	136.0	66.8	40.9	32.3	38.1	107.2	55.9	39.8	24.1
March .....	38.1	36.5	32.3	36.8	112.2	31.0	67.5	48.1	29.9	28.6
April .....	62.1	15.0	39.9	102.2	42.5	69.6	129.8	95.3	49.9	34.9
May .....	77.0	43.8	98.0	61.5	42.2	25.7	91.6	83.6	28.9	61.7
June .....	47.0	60.5	44.7	47.2	66.9	37.8	88.9	51.2	33.9	33.6
July .....	67.9	164.0	35.1	97.5	141.6	32.0	99.6	68.1	64.1	77.3
August .....	58.7	118.5	49.6	59.6	141.7	16.3	57.8	91.7	50.5	46.6
September .....	54.6	46.8	61.1	49.6	38.9	37.0	116.0	39.2	50.2	32.5
October .....	79.7	28.1	110.1	33.3	99.1	22.9	120.1	97.2	31.8	29.6
November .....	47.4	19.8	45.7	51.5	18.6	95.3	58.5	68.6	29.2	61.6
December .....	64.0	63.9	61.1	42.9	104.6	70.3	74.6	84.9	45.8	42.5
1965-January .....	47.8	19.3	36.5	49.0	126.6	45.1	73.4	48.4	46.5	41.1
February .....	73.4	76.5	63.7	82.6	117.6	46.4	81.4	112.4	28.5	122.0
March .....	64.3	66.3	50.2	62.9	77.1	483.4	87.1	44.2	51.0	41.7
April .....	61.3	103.3	45.2	56.7	191.7	114.8	87.5	105.7	38.9	60.6
May .....	68.4	43.4	70.6	68.1	66.1	56.8	140.7	57.6	51.5	32.6
June .....	58.5	57.0	46.4	75.9	43.8	25.0	94.8	44.5	36.1	41.7
July .....	654.2	45.5	88.0	1,406.2	55.4	92.9	113.1	109.4	71.7	48.3
August .....	157.9	12.4	81.2	271.1	156.0	50.2	384.5	316.2	87.6	38.4
September .....	64.8	-	56.7	72.7	96.2	62.8	93.8	82.8	40.0	40.0
October .....	68.0	14.1	65.5	66.6	122.4	66.4	97.8	94.1	32.2	61.8
November .....	59.9	114.7	58.9	62.6	25.5	92.0	73.0	60.8	48.0	49.1
December .....	79.6	22.0	77.9	80.5	62.9	185.2	159.6	53.2	55.7	39.8
Twelve months 1964 ..	59.7	87.5	59.4	55.6	74.5	72.0	98.4	70.8	39.2	48.1
Twelve months 1965 ..	119.0	58.4	60.6	207.2	91.8	108.7	119.1	83.2	48.0	49.3

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the average shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1964-January .....	179	4	87	74	12	2	61	51	6	4
February .....	166	-	87	68	7	4	53	46	5	2
March .....	193	-	96	90	6	1	66	54	8	4
April .....	214	3	102	90	16	3	49	43	1	5
May .....	176	-	78	87	7	4	50	40	5	5
June .....	181	1	85	85	7	3	54	46	7	1
July .....	170	3	73	79	10	5	39	36	1	2
August .....	170	3	96	60	4	7	57	53	1	3
September .....	173	3	78	78	10	4	54	43	9	2
October .....	187	1	90	82	10	4	59	47	10	2
November .....	189	2	94	82	8	3	50	48	2	-
December .....	144	-	70	56	12	6	60	44	12	4
1965-January .....	174	4	83	62	16	9	45	42	1	2
February .....	169	1	77	80	6	5	42	31	10	1
March .....	213	5	94	101	9	4	60	55	4	1
April .....	141	-	51	74	13	3	44	36	7	1
May .....	159	1	74	69	11	4	60	49	7	4
June .....	151	2	54	67	23	5	56	48	7	-
July .....	123	-	54	60	6	3	33	29	4	-
August .....	133	-	70	53	7	3	33	30	3	-
September .....	137	1	65	56	12	3	38	37	1	-
October .....	144	1	80	54	7	2	41	38	3	-
November .....	152	3	78	57	9	5	41	35	5	1
December .....	139	1	74	58	6	-	53	43	8	2
Twelve months 1964 ..	2,142	20	1,036	931	109	46	652	551	67	34
Twelve months 1965 ..	1,835	19	854	791	125	46	546	473	60	13

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FIRST QUARTER 1966

During the first quarter of 1966 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 821, a 13.7 per cent decrease from the revised total of 951 insolvencies recorded for the first quarter of 1965. The estimated total of liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$63,971,000 as compared with \$58,814,000 for the same quarter of last year.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 309 failures compared with 413 in the first quarter of 1965. Liabilities were lower in this industry. In the manufacturing industries the number of business failures was slightly lower and the liabilities increased from \$7,268,000 to \$9,727,000 in the first quarter comparison. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry declined from 186 to 165, however the liabilities increased from \$11,877,000 to \$14,684,000. In the financial sector the number of business failures increased from 22 to 32 and the liabilities from \$9,885,000 to \$15,556,000. In the service industry the number of insolvent firms and the liabilities were lower than for the same quarter of 1965.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 462 bankruptcies in Quebec during the first quarter of 1966 compared with 503 for the same period of 1965. Estimated liabilities of these firms increased from \$25,262,000 to \$30,580,000. In Ontario the number of business failures decreased from 362 to 292 and the liabilities increased from \$23,333,000 to \$29,298,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvent firms and the liabilities were lower in the 1965-66 comparison. In British Columbia the number of bankrupt firms were lower as was the liabilities.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range increased slightly and in the \$100,000 and over group from 97 to 116 in the 1965-66 comparison.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter 1966 with Comparative Figures for 1965

No.		First quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	1	2	23	16	22	19
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	3	1	1	4
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	2	1	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	9	17	2	2
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	13	12	6	4
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	3	4	5	1
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	10	3	5	3
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	1
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	4	1	1	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	7	1	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	11	6	8	8
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	55	56	30	25
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	-	1	33	29	35	20
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	1	57	63	38	31
17	Total construction industries .....	1	2	90	92	73	51
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	27	32	20	23
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	-	30	31	17	7
20	General merchandise .....	-	1	3	-	12	3
21	Automotive products .....	3	3	53	40	45	28
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	-	36	33	29	18
23	Hardware .....	2	-	21	12	20	8
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	-	21	16	14	11
25	Drugs .....	-	-	-	3	2	-
26	Other trades .....	2	1	44	37	25	36
27	Total trade .....	9	5	208	172	164	111
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	15	17	4	14
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	7	1	4	3
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	9	12	4	6
31	Business services .....	-	-	8	8	5	5
32	Personal services .....	2	1	55	48	31	30
33	Other services .....	-	-	6	8	5	5
34	Total services .....	2	1	85	77	49	49
35	Totals .....	13	11	503	462	362	292

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First Quarter 1966 with Comparative Figures for 1965

First quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	
						\$'000	\$'000	
4	2	-	1	50	40	2,816	2,257	1
-	-	1	-	5	5	153	519	2
-	-	-	-	1	2	37	70	3
-	-	-	-	11	19	631	2,824	4
1	1	1	1	21	18	783	778	5
-	1	-	-	8	6	260	346	6
-	-	-	-	15	6	2,478	495	7
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	237	8
-	-	-	-	1	2	11	1,015	9
-	-	-	-	1	2	62	1,923	10
-	-	-	-	5	2	564	253	11
1	-	-	-	2	7	668	424	12
-	-	-	-	19	14	1,621	843	13
2	2	2	1	89	84	7,268	9,727	14
6	7	5	1	79	58	6,707	6,709	15
10	7	1	5	107	107	5,170	7,975	16
16	14	6	6	186	165	11,877	14,684	17
1	2	1	-	49	58	1,272	3,113	18
2	2	1	-	51	40	1,092	1,992	19
1	-	-	1	16	5	712	79	20
7	6	6	2	114	79	2,780	3,681	21
4	4	1	2	71	57	3,666	1,467	22
3	-	-	-	46	20	4,546	1,506	23
3	-	-	1	38	28	1,152	947	24
-	-	-	-	2	3	63	203	25
2	1	2	2	75	77	3,306	3,338	26
22	13	10	8	413	309	17,317	13,213	27
1	1	2	-	22	32	9,885	15,556	28
-	-	-	-	11	4	402	122	29
-	-	1	1	14	19	1,027	1,054	30
-	-	-	-	13	13	709	622	31
3	3	-	2	91	84	3,876	2,843	32
-	-	2	-	13	13	2,365	780	33
3	3	3	3	142	133	8,379	5,421	34
49	37	24	19	951	821	58,814	63,971	35





TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities Industries			Food			Trade Industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance Industries			Service Industries		
	Total			Total			Total			Total			Total			Total		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1965-January .....	8	119		138	6,421		293	883		16	329		7	604		53	2,176	
February .....	20	534		139	3,965		240	666		13	420		8	3,693		31	3,782	
March .....	21	619		136	6,931		559	2,117		9	403		7	5,588		58	2,421	
April .....	22	682		117	4,549		603	182		18	666		5	453		36	2,180	
May .....	13	541		125	6,442		994	182		18	1,381		11	3,412		40	1,306	
June .....	17	670		92	3,322		345	404		6	698		8	3,265		46	1,920	
July .....	19	557		112	8,031		453	335		7	92		25	162,630		48	2,318	
August .....	9	725		87	7,618		2,725	280		6	158		2	25		22	845	
September .....	11	1,280		102	4,079		432	130		14	516		11	2,459		48	1,922	
October .....	18	642		112	3,612		772	478		12	401		9	3,291		29	1,791	
November .....	24	974		110	5,318		334	498		10	165		10	2,651		49	3,392	
December .....	11	343		89	4,961		381	2,352		16	344		12	4,761		43	1,719	
1966-January .....	16	1,727		100	4,078		118	515		12	372		6	2,819		45	2,381	
February .....	25	561		101	4,512		544	502		7	398		12	1,280		47	1,622	
March .....	17	825		108	4,623		1,330	450		9	177		14	11,457		41	1,418	
April .....																		
May .....																		
June .....																		
July .....																		
August .....																		
September .....																		
October .....																		
November .....																		
December .....																		
Three months 1965 .....	49	1,272		413	17,317		51	1,092		71	3,666		22	9,885		142	8,379	
Three months 1966 .....	58	3,113		309	13,213		40	1,992		57	1,467		32	15,556		133	5,421	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1965-January .....	3	58	144	5,255	127	6,224	6	2,020	2	19
February .....	4	306	147	9,364	118	9,747	2	26	3	99
March .....	6	398	212	10,643	117	7,362	4	213	1	23
April .....	6	620	155	6,999	90	5,100	5	80	-	-
May .....	7	301	147	10,380	118	8,042	3	343	2	14
June .....	2	115	127	5,911	111	8,424	2	103	2	25
July .....	6	273	132	11,612	119	167,333	1	4	1	12
August .....	1	12	103	8,361	75	20,335	-	-	-	-
September .....	-	-	143	8,103	109	7,932	2	150	2	135
October .....	3	42	144	9,429	92	6,131	2	193	2	81
November .....	3	344	160	10,471	90	5,727	11	240	4	54
December .....	2	44	134	10,654	82	6,578	3	162	3	45
1966-January .....	8	422	129	13,080	97	3,516	5	372	4	422
February .....	2	45	172	9,390	95	6,371	3	164	2	47
March .....	1	3	161	8,110	100	19,411	8	504	-	-
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1965 .....	13	762	503	25,262	362	23,333	12	2,259	6	141
Three months 1966 .....	11	470	462	30,580	292	29,298	16	1,040	6	469
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1965-January .....	12	492	8	361	302	14,431	49	2,196	71	2,622
February .....	8	1,403	9	418	291	21,363	46	4,854	63	6,359
March .....	11	998	7	3,383	358	23,020	44	5,038	94	5,411
April .....	11	2,987	11	1,263	278	17,050	41	2,746	77	3,954
May .....	10	635	6	341	293	20,056	51	3,906	69	5,919
June .....	9	441	6	150	259	15,168	38	1,924	58	2,935
July .....	9	593	8	743	276	180,569	50	161,610	53	5,684
August .....	5	780	4	201	188	29,689	29	18,897	45	5,363
September .....	6	678	9	565	271	17,562	39	4,272	63	3,498
October .....	8	1,195	5	332	256	17,403	31	3,545	62	4,869
November .....	4	190	12	1,104	284	18,131	36	1,903	70	4,638
December .....	10	800	5	926	239	19,209	28	4,511	61	7,841
1966-January .....	4	83	6	1,056	253	18,951	35	1,631	77	9,643
February .....	1	18	7	301	282	16,337	35	2,628	80	4,751
March .....	10	329	6	326	286	28,683	38	10,683	68	3,700
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1965 .....	31	2,894	24	4,163	951	58,814	139	12,088	228	14,392
Three months 1966 .....	15	430	19	1,683	821	63,971	108	14,942	225	18,094

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1965					1966				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	6	4	2	16	2				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	30	22	21	22	95	27				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	27	14	17	83	13				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	21	11	18	65	20				
Over \$100,000 .....	15	23	20	29	87	22				
Totals .....	89	99	70	88	346	84				
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	9	4	13	34	5				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	90	73	56	66	285	69				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	46	31	18	32	127	33				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	19	25	16	21	81	30				
Over \$100,000 .....	23	19	36	23	101	28				
Totals .....	186	157	130	155	628	165				
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	45	39	18	19	121	16				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	220	166	151	173	710	172				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	85	64	70	67	286	67				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	34	36	32	25	127	25				
Over \$100,000 .....	29	29	30	27	115	29				
Totals .....	413	334	301	311	1,359	309				
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	13	10	8	51	12				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	65	57	60	69	251	68				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	22	24	20	92	21				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	18	20	14	9	61	20				
Over \$100,000 .....	13	10	10	15	48	12				
Totals .....	142	122	118	121	503	133				
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	83	72	37	46	238	38				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	465	373	339	379	1,556	402				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	201	166	149	152	668	156				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	105	121	83	85	394	109				
Over \$100,000 .....	97	98	127	117	439	116				
Totals .....	951	830	735	779	3,295	821				
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	53	44	22	30	149	24				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	252	193	163	205	813	223				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	103	96	84	90	373	92				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	54	52	51	49	206	60				
Over \$100,000 .....	41	44	58	64	207	63				
Totals .....	503	429	378	438	1,748	462				
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	28	23	14	14	79	13				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	177	151	155	134	617	146				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	75	55	52	51	233	50				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	40	50	28	27	145	39				
Over \$100,000 .....	42	40	54	38	174	44				
Totals .....	362	319	303	264	1,248	292				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1965-January .....	47.8	19.3	36.5	49.0	126.6	45.1	73.4	48.4	46.5	41.1
February .....	73.4	76.5	63.7	82.6	117.6	46.4	81.4	112.4	28.5	122.0
March .....	64.3	66.3	50.2	62.9	77.1	483.4	87.1	44.2	51.0	41.7
April .....	61.3	103.3	45.2	56.7	191.7	114.8	87.5	105.7	38.9	60.6
May .....	68.4	43.4	70.6	68.1	66.1	56.8	140.7	57.6	51.5	32.6
June .....	58.5	57.0	46.4	75.9	43.8	25.0	94.8	44.5	36.1	41.7
July .....	654.2	45.5	88.0	1,406.2	55.4	92.9	113.1	109.4	71.7	48.3
August .....	157.9	12.4	81.2	271.1	156.0	50.2	384.5	316.2	87.6	38.4
September .....	64.8	-	56.7	72.7	96.2	62.8	93.8	82.8	40.0	40.0
October .....	68.0	14.1	65.5	66.6	122.4	66.4	97.8	94.1	32.2	61.8
November .....	63.8	114.7	65.4	63.6	25.5	92.0	73.0	62.5	48.3	69.2
December .....	80.4	22.0	79.5	80.2	62.9	185.2	159.6	52.1	55.7	40.0
1966-January .....	74.9	52.7	101.4	36.2	67.5	176.0	139.9	82.9	40.8	52.9
February .....	57.9	22.7	54.6	67.1	38.3	43.0	120.0	75.8	44.7	34.5
March .....	100.3	3.0	50.4	194.1	46.3	54.4	82.2	104.5	42.8	34.6
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1965 ..	61.8	58.6	99.5	64.5	108.0	173.5	81.7	63.9	41.9	59.0
Three months 1966 ..	77.9	42.7	66.2	100.3	52.4	88.6	115.8	89.0	42.8	40.8

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the average shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1965-January .....	174	4	83	62	16	9	45	42	1	2
February .....	169	1	77	80	6	5	42	31	10	1
March .....	213	5	94	101	9	4	60	55	4	1
April .....	141	-	51	74	13	3	44	36	7	1
May .....	159	1	74	69	11	4	60	49	7	4
June .....	151	2	54	67	23	5	56	48	7	1
July .....	123	-	54	60	6	3	33	29	4	-
August .....	133	-	70	53	7	3	33	30	3	-
September .....	137	1	65	56	12	3	38	37	1	-
October .....	144	1	80	54	7	2	41	38	3	-
November .....	152	3	78	57	9	5	41	35	5	1
December .....	139	1	74	58	6	-	53	43	8	2
1966-January .....	142	2	68	66	3	3	48	43	4	1
February .....	164	1	67	79	15	2	48	41	7	-
March .....	183	2	79	80	14	8	41	33	7	1
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1965 ..	556	10	254	243	31	18	147	128	15	4
Three months 1966 ..	489	5	214	225	32	13	137	117	18	2



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The total number of business failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts during the second quarter of 1966 has been estimated at 749 compared with 830 for the second quarter of 1965. Estimated liabilities in default were \$58,690,000 in comparison with \$52,274,000 for the same quarter last year.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the Trade industry with 314 failures compared with 334 in the second quarter of 1965 and the liabilities increased from \$14,313,000 to \$15,496,000. In the Manufacturing industries the number of insolvencies were fractionally higher but the liabilities decreased from \$10,575,000 to \$9,009,000 in the 1965-66 comparison. The number of bankrupt firms in the Construction industry was lower and the liabilities decreased sharply from \$10,823,000 to \$4,706,000. In the Finance industry there were 19 insolvencies compared with 24 for the same months of 1965. Defaulted liabilities in this industry increased from \$7,130,000 to \$13,531,000. There were fewer bankruptcies in the Service industry but liabilities rose from \$5,405,000 to \$8,034,000.

Failures and Liabilities Regionally

While the number of business failures in Quebec declined from 429 in the second quarter of 1965 to 406 in the same quarter of 1966 the estimated liabilities increased from \$23,291,000 to \$27,559,000. Estimated liabilities in Ontario in this quarter decreased from \$23,291,000 to \$22,084,000 with the number of failures showing a decline from 319 to 276. In the Prairie Provinces the number of bankruptcies increased fractionally and the estimated liabilities decreased from \$4,628,000 to \$2,195,000. There were fewer business failures in British Columbia but the liabilities rose from \$1,754,000 to \$3,140,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range showed an increase while insolvencies in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 group decreased sharply. There was a slight increase in the \$100,000 and over size group in the 1965-66 third quarter comparison.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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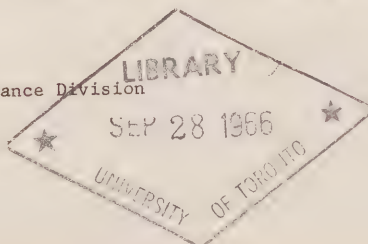


TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter 1966 with Comparative Figures for 1965

No.		Second quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	3	20	20	14	16
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	1	-	2	2	5	1
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	13	12	3	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	1	-	12	17	10	11
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	7	10	5	7
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	11	8	1	4
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	2
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	1	2	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	2
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	3	2	1	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	2	1	1	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	6	10	7	4
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	2	-	58	64	37	34
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	-	-	29	29	19	15
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	-	53	27	46	42
17	Total construction industries .....	1	-	82	56	65	57
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	25	19	18	10
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	-	42	27	10	13
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	1	8	4	9
21	Automotive products .....	4	-	45	39	28	30
22	Apparel and shoes .....	2	-	24	35	11	15
23	Hardware .....	1	-	13	12	17	4
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	2	2	17	25	19	18
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	1	5	1
26	Other trades .....	-	-	27	29	31	19
27	Total trade .....	10	2	170	176	125	109
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	7	10	15	7
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	5	3	4
30	Recreational services .....	1	-	8	7	4	5
31	Business services .....	-	1	7	3	8	4
32	Personal services .....	1	1	43	44	25	25
33	Other services .....	-	-	6	2	5	5
34	Total services .....	2	2	67	61	45	43
35	Totals .....	15	7	429	406	319	276

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter 1966 with Comparative Figures for 1965

Second quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965 \$'000	1966 \$'000	
2	5	6	3	42	47	2,135	6,932	1
-	1	-	-	8	4	412	410	2
-	-	-	-	2	-	1,189	-	3
-	1	-	-	16	14	2,298	1,033	4
-	-	-	-	23	28	1,476	2,351	5
-	-	-	-	12	17	506	1,162	6
1	-	1	-	14	12	550	2,060	7
-	-	-	-	1	2	207	190	8
-	-	-	-	2	1	9	54	9
-	-	-	-	1	3	1,280	245	10
-	-	-	-	4	3	350	775	11
-	-	-	-	3	2	129	199	12
-	-	-	-	13	14	2,169	530	13
1	2	1	-	99	100	10,575	9,009	14
2	3	3	1	53	48	4,819	2,424	15
4	5	-	1	104	75	6,004	2,282	16
6	8	3	2	157	123	10,823	4,706	17
9	3	-	1	52	33	1,893	982	18
3	2	1	1	57	43	1,942	2,687	19
-	1	-	-	5	18	88	809	20
6	9	2	2	85	80	3,101	2,945	21
3	2	2	-	42	52	768	1,913	22
5	3	-	1	36	20	2,024	3,252	23
2	3	2	-	42	48	2,744	2,126	24
-	-	-	-	6	2	819	56	25
1	2	2	1	61	51	2,827	1,708	26
20	22	9	5	334	314	14,313	15,496	27
1	1	1	1	24	19	7,130	13,531	28
-	-	-	1	6	10	444	281	29
-	1	1	-	14	13	1,123	3,622	30
1	-	-	-	16	8	898	244	31
4	3	2	2	75	75	2,756	3,663	32
-	-	-	-	11	7	184	224	33
5	4	3	3	122	113	5,405	8,034	34
44	45	23	15	830	749	52,274	58,690	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction industry			
	Total		Total		Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Total	
	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000
1965-January .....	302	14,431	13	495	24	1,762	8	376	4	859	-	-	1	11	59	2,854
February .....	291	21,363	16	1,569	27	2,199	5	98	6	1,096	-	-	-	-	50	5,622
March .....	358	23,020	21	752	38	3,307	8	309	5	523	-	-	-	-	77	3,401
April .....	278	17,050	15	1,013	33	2,887	7	322	7	173	-	-	-	-	50	5,286
May .....	293	20,056	14	584	31	4,371	7	494	5	248	1	207	-	-	59	3,399
June .....	259	15,168	13	537	35	3,317	9	662	2	129	-	-	2	9	48	2,138
July .....	276	180,569	12	401	18	2,036	6	171	1	265	-	-	-	-	42	4,597
August .....	188	29,689	15	2,147	23	8,844	6	5,843	2	447	-	-	-	-	30	9,485
September ...	271	17,562	12	297	29	2,721	8	326	3	34	1	834	2	223	58	4,804
October .....	256	17,403	7	337	30	2,933	6	489	3	484	2	222	1	211	51	4,797
November .....	284	18,131	8	315	28	2,043	7	400	1	33	-	-	-	-	56	3,437
December .....	239	19,209	5	83	30	4,788	7	1,176	4	213	2	192	2	237	49	2,554
1966-January .....	253	19,144	11	248	26	3,690	5	253	1	4	-	-	1	110	49	4,208
February .....	283	16,491	10	223	35	4,200	5	285	3	243	1	237	1	905	52	4,031
March .....	287	29,071	19	1,786	25	2,254	9	437	2	248	-	-	-	-	64	6,651
April .....	253	12,771	24	904	33	2,365	5	962	4	223	-	-	1	54	38	1,981
May .....	249	26,083	15	5,750	30	2,535	10	310	2	288	1	28	-	-	44	1,433
June .....	247	19,836	8	278	37	4,109	13	1,079	6	1,549	1	162	-	-	41	1,292
July .....																
August .....																
September ...																
October .....																
November .....																
December .....																
Six months 1965 .....	1,781	111,088	92	4,950	188	17,843	44	2,261	29	3,028	1	207	3	20	343	22,700
Six months 1966 .....	1,572	123,396	87	9,189	186	19,153	47	3,326	18	2,555	3	427	3	1,069	288	19,596

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total Number	Total Liab. \$'000	Total Number	Food Number	Food Liab. \$'000	Apparel and shoes Number	Apparel Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000
1965-January .....	8	119	138	12	293	27	883	16	329	7	604	53	2,176		
February .....	20	534	139	12	240	21	666	13	420	8	3,693	31	3,782		
March .....	21	619	136	27	559	23	2,117	9	403	7	5,588	58	2,421		
April .....	22	682	117	20	603	12	182	18	666	5	453	36	2,180		
May .....	13	541	125	23	994	13	182	18	1,381	11	3,412	40	1,306		
June .....	17	670	92	14	345	17	404	6	698	8	3,265	46	1,920		
July .....	19	557	112	19	433	11	335	7	92	25	162,630	48	2,318		
August .....	9	725	87	16	2,725	10	280	6	158	2	25	22	845		
September .....	11	1,280	102	14	432	7	130	14	516	11	2,459	48	1,922		
October .....	18	642	112	23	772	22	478	12	401	9	3,291	29	1,791		
November .....	24	974	110	14	334	13	498	10	165	10	2,651	49	3,392		
December .....	11	343	89	17	381	13	2,352	16	344	12	4,761	43	1,719		
1966-January .....	17	1,743	99	8	118	17	512	12	363	6	2,819	45	2,381		
February .....	25	601	101	19	4,499	24	502	7	384	12	1,280	48	1,657		
March .....	16	886	108	13	1,330	16	450	9	177	14	11,443	41	1,429		
April .....	9	262	102	15	1,046	22	923	19	524	5	1,254	42	1,850		
May .....	11	258	98	8	426	10	542	15	781	10	7,733	41	4,523		
June .....	13	462	114	20	1,215	20	448	14	822	4	4,543	30	1,662		
July .....															
August .....															
September .....															
October .....															
November .....															
December .....															
Six months 1965 .....	101	3,165	747	108	3,034	113	4,434	80	3,897	46	17,015	264	13,785		
Six months 1966 .....	91	4,212	622	83	4,679	109	3,377	76	3,051	51	29,072	247	13,502		



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1965-January .....	3	58	144	5,255	127	6,224	6	2,020	2	20
February .....	4	306	147	9,364	118	9,747	2	26	3	99
March .....	6	398	212	10,643	117	7,362	4	213	1	23
April .....	6	620	155	6,999	90	5,100	5	80	-	-
May .....	7	301	147	10,380	118	8,042	3	343	2	14
June .....	2	115	127	5,911	111	8,424	2	103	2	25
July .....	6	273	132	11,612	119	167,333	1	4	1	12
August .....	1	12	103	8,361	75	20,335	-	-	-	-
September .....	-	-	143	8,103	109	7,932	2	150	2	135
October .....	3	42	144	9,429	92	6,131	2	193	2	81
November .....	3	344	160	10,471	90	5,727	11	240	4	54
December .....	2	44	134	10,654	82	6,578	3	162	3	45
1966-January .....	8	421	129	13,274	97	3,516	5	372	4	422
February .....	2	46	172	9,509	95	6,371	3	164	2	47
March .....	1	3	161	8,401	101	19,523	8	489	-	-
April .....	2	98	148	8,670	82	3,015	3	97	3	70
May .....	3	3,571	136	9,884	92	11,499	6	142	2	46
June .....	2	43	122	9,005	102	7,569	4	81	2	34
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1965 .....	28	1,797	932	48,553	681	44,899	22	2,785	10	181
Six months 1966 .....	18	4,182	868	58,743	569	51,493	29	1,345	13	619
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1965-January .....	12	493	8	361	302	14,431	49	2,196	71	2,622
February .....	8	1,403	9	418	291	21,363	46	4,854	63	6,359
March .....	11	998	7	3,383	358	23,020	44	5,038	94	5,411
April .....	11	2,987	11	1,264	278	17,050	41	2,746	77	3,954
May .....	10	635	6	341	293	20,056	51	3,906	69	5,919
June .....	9	441	6	149	259	15,168	38	1,924	58	2,935
July .....	9	593	8	743	276	180,569	50	161,610	53	5,684
August .....	5	780	4	201	188	29,689	29	18,897	45	5,363
September .....	6	678	9	565	271	17,562	39	4,272	63	3,498
October .....	8	1,195	5	332	256	17,403	31	3,545	62	4,869
November .....	4	190	12	1,104	284	18,131	36	1,903	70	4,638
December .....	10	800	5	926	239	19,209	28	4,511	61	7,841
1966-January .....	4	83	6	1,056	253	19,144	35	1,631	77	9,791
February .....	1	18	7	336	283	16,491	35	2,628	80	4,749
March .....	10	329	6	326	287	29,071	38	10,683	68	3,641
April .....	10	517	5	304	253	12,771	33	1,495	60	4,338
May .....	7	889	3	52	249	26,083	39	4,774	67	4,066
June .....	8	320	7	2,784	247	19,836	34	4,429	69	6,729
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1965 .....	61	6,957	47	5,916	1,781	111,088	269	20,664	432	27,200
Six months 1966 .....	40	2,156	34	4,858	1,572	123,396	214	25,640	421	33,314

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1965					1966				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	6	4	2	16	2	2			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	30	22	21	22	95	27	30			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	27	14	17	83	13	29			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	21	11	18	65	20	16			
Over \$100,000 .....	15	23	20	29	87	24	23			
Totals .....	89	99	70	88	346	86	100			
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	9	4	13	34	5	5			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	90	73	56	66	285	69	64			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	46	31	18	32	127	33	30			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	19	25	16	21	81	28	15			
Over \$100,000 .....	23	19	36	23	101	30	9			
Totals .....	186	157	130	155	628	165	123			
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	45	39	18	19	121	16	18			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	220	166	151	173	710	171	163			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	85	64	70	67	286	67	75			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	34	36	32	25	127	25	28			
Over \$100,000 .....	29	29	30	27	115	29	30			
Totals .....	413	334	301	311	1,359	308	314			
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	13	10	8	51	12	13			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	65	57	60	69	251	68	54			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	22	24	20	92	22	23			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	18	20	14	9	61	20	7			
Over \$100,000 .....	13	10	10	15	48	12	16			
Totals .....	142	122	118	121	503	134	113			
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	83	72	37	46	238	38	42			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	465	373	339	379	1,556	400	348			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	201	166	149	152	668	158	184			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	105	121	83	85	394	106	79			
Over \$100,000 .....	97	98	127	117	439	121	96			
Totals .....	951	830	735	779	3,295	823	749			
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	53	44	22	30	149	24	24			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	252	193	163	205	813	221	178			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	103	96	84	90	373	92	104			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	54	52	51	49	206	58	44			
Over \$100,000 .....	41	44	58	64	207	67	56			
Totals .....	503	429	378	438	1,748	462	406			
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	28	23	14	14	79	13	18			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	177	151	155	134	617	146	139			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	75	55	52	51	233	51	58			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	40	50	28	27	145	38	29			
Over \$100,000 .....	42	40	54	38	174	45	32			
Totals .....	362	319	303	264	1,248	293	276			

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1965-January .....	47.8	19.3	36.5	49.0	126.6	45.1	73.4	48.4	46.5	41.1
February .....	73.4	76.5	63.7	82.6	117.6	46.4	81.4	112.4	28.5	122.0
March .....	64.3	66.3	50.2	62.9	77.1	483.4	87.1	44.2	51.0	41.7
April .....	61.3	103.3	45.2	56.7	191.7	114.8	87.5	105.7	38.9	60.6
May .....	68.4	43.4	70.6	68.1	66.1	56.8	140.7	57.6	51.5	32.6
June .....	58.5	57.0	46.4	75.9	43.8	25.0	94.8	44.5	36.1	41.7
July .....	654.2	45.5	88.0	1,406.2	55.4	92.9	113.1	109.4	71.7	48.3
August .....	157.9	12.4	81.2	271.1	156.0	50.2	384.5	316.2	87.6	38.4
September .....	64.8	-	56.7	72.7	96.2	62.8	93.8	82.8	40.0	40.0
October .....	68.0	14.1	65.5	66.6	122.4	66.4	97.8	94.1	32.2	61.8
November .....	63.8	114.7	65.4	63.6	25.5	92.0	73.0	62.5	48.3	69.2
December .....	80.4	22.0	79.5	80.2	62.9	185.2	159.6	52.1	55.7	40.0
1966-January .....	75.7	52.7	102.9	36.2	67.5	176.0	141.9	85.9	41.0	52.9
February .....	58.3	22.7	55.3	67.1	38.3	42.0	120.0	77.5	44.5	34.5
March .....	101.3	3.0	52.2	193.3	45.5	54.4	90.2	103.9	42.8	34.9
April .....	50.5	49.0	58.6	36.8	42.8	60.8	71.7	52.1	40.7	44.0
May .....	104.8	1,190.3	72.7	125.0	71.7	17.3	84.5	32.6	39.3	110.3
June .....	80.3	21.0	73.8	74.2	31.1	39.8	111.1	31.5	65.7	55.4
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1965 .....	62.4	54.3	52.1	65.9	106.7	125.9	94.9	66.2	42.3	52.2
Six months 1966 .....	78.5	232.3	67.7	90.5	50.3	142.9	103.0	68.0	46.1	54.7

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the average shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1965-January .....	174	4	83	62	16	9	45	42	1	2
February .....	169	1	77	80	6	5	42	31	10	1
March .....	213	5	94	101	9	4	60	55	4	1
April .....	141	-	51	74	13	3	44	36	7	1
May .....	159	1	74	69	11	4	60	49	7	4
June .....	151	2	54	67	23	5	56	48	7	1
July .....	123	-	54	60	6	3	33	29	4	-
August .....	133	-	70	53	7	3	33	30	3	-
September .....	137	1	65	56	12	3	38	37	1	-
October .....	144	1	80	54	7	2	41	38	3	-
November .....	152	3	78	57	9	5	41	35	5	1
December .....	139	1	74	58	6	-	53	43	8	2
1966-January .....	140	2	67	66	3	2	48	43	4	1
February .....	164	1	67	79	15	2	46	40	6	-
March .....	184	3	79	80	14	8	41	33	7	1
April .....	152	-	71	71	9	1	38	34	4	-
May .....	163	3	68	79	7	6	34	29	5	-
June .....	141	1	63	63	7	7	53	44	9	-
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1965 .....	1,007	13	433	453	78	30	307	261	36	10
Six months 1966 .....	944	10	415	438	55	26	260	223	35	2

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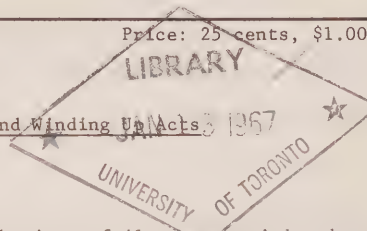
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COMMERCIAL FAILURES

Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

THIRD QUARTER 1966



According to preliminary figures, the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 748 during the third quarter of 1966, a slight increase over the 735 insolvencies reported in the same quarter of 1965. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities fell off to \$48,362,000 from \$227,820,000 and average liabilities per failure therefore declined from \$310,000 to \$64,700.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, bankruptcies of trading establishments accounted for the largest number of failures during the third quarter of 1966. There were 323 bankruptcies in the trade industry as compared with 301 for the same period of 1965. Insolvencies in clothing stores increased from 28 to 42 and in furniture and appliances stores from 27 to 44. Failures in the construction industry increased from 130 to 145 and insolvencies in the manufacturing industry declined from 70 to 62. The number of bankruptcies in the services field was 118, unchanged from the same quarter of the previous year. Liabilities in all but the primary industries showed a decline.

Failures and Liabilities Regionally

During the third quarter of 1966 the number of business failures in Quebec increased to 436 from 378 for the same quarter of 1965. Estimated liabilities were \$27,138,000 compared with \$28,076,000. The number of bankruptcies in Ontario declined from 303 to 239 and the liabilities fell sharply from \$195,599,000 to \$14,808,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvencies rose from 26 to 38 and the liabilities increased from \$2,351,000 to \$4,198,000. In British Columbia the number of failures increased slightly and the liabilities rose from \$1,508,000 to \$1,952,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that over 45 per cent of all failures during the third quarter involved relatively small businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000. Failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range showed a slight increase as did failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 bracket. Insolvencies in the \$100,000 and over range group showed a decline in the third quarter comparison.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter 1966 with Comparative Figures for 1965

No.		Third quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	2	11	12	24	13
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	4	4	2	2
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	1	1	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	7	3	1	2
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	11	14	9	6
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	2	8	4	2
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	2	1	3	1
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	2	1	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	-	2	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	2	1	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	3	5	5	4
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	32	40	32	18
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	1	27	41	17	16
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	2	49	44	29	28
17	Total construction industries .....	1	3	76	85	46	44
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	20	23	13	17
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	3	-	30	34	16	18
20	General merchandise .....	2	-	5	5	8	8
21	Automotive products .....	-	1	50	44	29	25
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	16	27	11	14
23	Hardware .....	-	-	23	7	10	5
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	16	27	10	15
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	3	2	2
26	Other trades .....	1	1	24	39	27	15
27	Total trade .....	6	3	165	186	113	102
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	10	14	28	12
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	7	3	1
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	6	13	3	1
31	Business services .....	-	-	7	10	2	2
32	Personal services .....	-	-	43	44	35	24
33	Other services .....	-	-	5	2	4	5
34	Total services .....	-	-	64	76	47	33
35	Totals .....	7	8	378	436	303	239



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter 1966 with Comparative Figures for 1965

Third quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	
						\$'000	\$'000	
2	2	2	2	39	31	2,845	4,424	1
-	1	-	1	6	8	324	2,838	2
-	-	-	-	1	1	754	31	3
-	-	1	-	9	5	905	162	4
-	-	-	-	20	20	6,340	1,431	5
-	-	-	1	6	11	223	898	6
-	-	1	-	6	2	746	385	7
-	1	-	-	1	3	833	874	8
-	-	-	-	2	1	223	194	9
-	-	-	-	4	-	1,407	-	10
2	-	-	-	4	2	583	60	11
-	-	-	-	1	-	263	-	12
1	-	1	-	10	9	999	1,102	13
3	2	3	2	70	62	13,600	7,975	14
1	4	2	2	48	64	12,375	8,862	15
3	4	1	3	82	81	6,510	3,126	16
4	8	3	5	130	145	18,885	11,988	17
5	1	1	2	39	43	2,562	2,311	18
-	3	-	1	49	56	3,610	2,727	19
3	-	1	1	19	14	2,805	606	20
2	10	4	5	85	85	3,182	2,953	21
-	-	1	1	28	42	745	2,043	22
2	2	-	-	35	14	3,464	1,015	23
-	1	1	-	27	44	767	2,225	24
-	-	-	-	3	5	146	430	25
2	3	1	5	55	63	5,009	2,073	26
9	19	8	13	301	323	19,728	14,072	27
-	-	-	-	38	26	165,114	3,247	28
-	-	1	-	7	8	203	566	29
-	-	2	-	11	14	934	834	30
1	2	1	-	11	14	756	643	31
2	4	-	3	80	75	2,989	2,168	32
-	-	-	-	9	7	204	134	33
3	6	4	3	118	118	5,086	4,345	34
26	38	21	27	735	748	227,820	48,362	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries										Construction industry	
	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Wood industries including furniture	Primary and fabricated metals industries	Machinery industries	Transportation equipment industries	Total	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number
	\$ '000			\$ '000			\$ '000		\$ '000			\$ '000			\$ '000		\$ '000	
1965-January .....	302	14,431	13	495				8	376	4	859	-	-	1	11	59	2,854	
February .....	291	21,363	16	1,569				5	98	6	1,096	-	-	-	-	50	5,622	
March .....	358	23,020	21	753				8	309	5	523	-	-	-	-	77	3,400	
April .....	278	17,050	15	1,013				7	322	7	173	-	-	-	-	50	5,286	
May .....	293	20,056	14	584				7	494	5	248	1	207	-	-	59	3,399	
June .....	259	15,168	13	537				9	662	2	129	-	-	2	9	48	2,138	
July .....	276	180,569	12	401				6	171	1	265	-	-	-	-	42	4,596	
August .....	188	29,689	15	2,147				6	5,843	2	447	-	-	-	-	30	9,485	
September ...	271	17,562	12	297				8	326	3	34	1	834	2	223	58	4,804	
October .....	256	17,403	7	337				6	489	3	484	2	222	1	211	51	4,797	
November .....	284	18,131	8	315				7	400	1	33	-	-	-	-	56	3,437	
December .....	239	19,209	5	83				7	1,176	4	213	2	192	2	237	49	2,554	
1966-January .....	253	19,144	11	248				5	253	1	4	-	-	1	110	49	4,208	
February .....	283	16,491	10	223				5	285	3	243	1	237	1	905	52	4,031	
March .....	287	29,087	19	1,786				9	437	2	248	-	-	-	-	64	6,667	
April .....	253	12,771	24	904				5	962	4	223	-	-	1	54	38	1,981	
May .....	249	26,083	15	5,750				10	310	2	288	1	28	-	-	44	1,433	
June .....	253	22,539	8	278				19	3,078	6	1,549	1	162	-	-	41	1,996	
July .....	222	18,520	10	2,843				9	303	2	385	1	542	-	-	47	4,598	
August .....	259	15,875	12	928				4	493	-	-	1	313	1	194	48	3,449	
September ...	267	13,967	9	653				7	635	-	-	1	19	-	-	50	3,940	
October .....																		
November .....																		
December .....																		
Nine months 1965 .....	2,516	338,908	131	7,796				64	8,601	35	3,774	2	1,041	5	243	473	41,584	
Nine months 1966 .....	2,326	174,477	118	13,613				73	6,756	20	2,940	6	1,301	4	1,263	433	32,303	

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total			Food			Apparel and shoes			Total			Total		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1965-January .....	8	119	6,421	12	293		27	883		7	604		53	2,176	
February .....	20	534	3,965	12	240		21	666		8	3,693		51	3,782	
March .....	21	619	6,931	27	559		23	2,117		7	5,388		58	2,421	
April .....	22	682	4,549	20	603		12	182		5	453		36	2,180	
May .....	13	541	6,442	23	994		13	182		11	3,412		40	1,306	
June .....	17	670	3,322	14	345		17	404		8	3,265		46	1,920	
July .....	19	557	8,031	19	453		11	335		25	162,630		48	2,318	
August .....	9	725	7,618	16	2,725		10	280		2	25		22	845	
September .....	11	1,280	4,079	14	432		7	130		11	2,459		48	1,922	
October .....	18	642	3,612	23	772		22	478		9	3,291		29	1,791	
November .....	24	974	5,318	14	334		13	498		10	2,651		49	3,392	
December .....	11	343	4,961	17	381		13	2,352		12	4,761		43	1,719	
1966-January .....	17	1,743	4,055	8	118		17	512		6	2,819		45	2,381	
February .....	25	601	4,499	19	544		24	502		12	1,280		48	1,657	
March .....	16	886	4,623	13	1,330		16	450		14	11,443		41	1,429	
April .....	9	262	4,154	15	1,046		22	923		5	1,254		42	1,850	
May .....	11	258	3,851	8	426		10	542		10	7,733		41	4,523	
June .....	13	462	7,491	20	1,215		20	448		4	4,543		30	1,662	
July .....	11	865	4,237	15	484		14	1,204		7	1,513		33	1,619	
August .....	20	724	6,256	15	1,535		11	435		5	348		42	1,119	
September .....	12	722	3,579	26	708		17	404		14	1,386		43	1,607	
October .....															
November .....															
December .....															
Nine months 1965 .....	140	5,727	51,358	157	6,644		141	5,179		84	182,129		382	18,870	
Nine months 1966 .....	134	6,523	42,745	139	7,406		151	5,420		77	32,319		365	17,847	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1965-January .....	3	58	144	5,255	127	6,224	6	2,020	2	20
February .....	4	306	147	9,364	118	9,747	2	26	3	99
March .....	6	398	212	10,643	117	7,362	4	213	1	23
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July .....	6	273	132	11,612	119	167,332	1	4	1	12
August .....	1	12	103	8,361	75	20,335	-	-	-	-
September .....	-	-	143	8,103	109	7,932	2	150	2	135
October .....	3	42	144	9,429	92	6,131	2	193	2	81
November .....	3	344	160	10,471	90	5,727	11	240	4	54
December .....	2	44	134	10,654	82	6,578	3	162	3	45
1966-January .....	8	421	129	13,274	97	3,516	5	372	4	422
February .....	2	46	172	9,509	95	6,371	3	164	2	47
March .....	1	3	161	8,401	101	19,539	8	489	-	-
April .....	2	98	148	8,670	82	3,015	3	97	3	70
May .....	3	3,571	136	9,884	92	11,499	6	142	2	46
June .....	2	43	128	11,708	102	7,569	4	81	2	34
July .....	1	37	129	10,180	73	6,061	4	840	-	-
August .....	2	117	153	9,707	76	4,182	6	297	6	337
September .....	5	112	154	7,252	90	4,565	-	-	2	1,374
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1965 .....	35	2,083	1,310	76,628	984	240,498	25	2,939	13	328
Nine months 1966 .....	26	4,448	1,310	88,585	808	66,317	39	2,482	21	2,330
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1965-January .....	12	493	8	361	302	14,431	49	2,196	71	2,622
February .....	8	1,403	9	418	291	21,363	46	4,854	63	6,359
March .....	11	998	7	3,383	358	23,020	44	5,038	94	5,411
April .....	11	2,987	11	1,264	278	17,050	41	2,746	77	3,954
May .....	10	635	6	341	293	20,056	51	3,906	69	5,919
June .....	9	441	6	149	259	15,168	38	1,924	58	2,935
July .....	9	593	8	743	276	180,569	50	161,610	53	5,684
August .....	5	780	4	201	188	29,689	29	18,897	45	5,363
September .....	6	677	9	565	271	17,562	39	4,272	63	3,498
October .....	8	1,195	5	332	256	17,403	31	3,545	62	4,869
November .....	4	190	12	1,104	284	18,131	36	1,903	70	4,638
December .....	10	800	5	926	239	19,209	28	4,511	61	7,841
1966-January .....	4	83	6	1,056	253	19,144	35	1,631	77	9,791
February .....	1	18	7	336	283	16,491	35	2,628	80	4,749
March .....	10	329	6	326	287	29,087	38	10,683	68	3,641
April .....	10	517	5	304	253	12,771	33	1,495	60	4,338
May .....	7	889	3	52	249	26,083	39	4,774	67	4,066
June .....	8	320	7	2,784	253	22,539	34	4,429	75	9,431
July .....	6	942	9	460	222	18,520	26	2,475	67	5,910
August .....	8	201	8	1,034	259	15,875	27	1,183	64	3,736
September .....	6	207	10	457	267	13,967	34	2,294	64	3,049
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1965 .....	81	9,007	68	7,425	2,516	338,908	387	205,343	593	41,745
Nine months 1966 .....	60	3,506	61	6,809	2,326	174,477	301	31,592	622	48,711

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1965					1966				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	6	4	2	16	2	3	1		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	30	22	21	22	95	27	30	21		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	27	14	17	83	13	30	14		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	21	11	18	65	20	17	12		
Over \$100,000 .....	15	23	20	29	87	24	26	14		
Totals .....	89	99	70	88	346	86	106	62		
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	9	4	13	34	5	5	11		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	90	73	56	66	285	69	64	51		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	46	31	18	32	127	33	30	29		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	19	25	16	21	81	28	15	28		
Over \$100,000 .....	23	19	36	23	101	30	9	26		
Totals .....	186	157	130	155	628	165	123	145		
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	45	39	18	19	121	16	18	19		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	220	166	151	173	710	171	163	164		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	85	64	70	67	286	67	75	71		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	34	36	32	25	127	25	28	34		
Over \$100,000 .....	29	29	30	27	115	29	30	35		
Totals .....	413	334	301	311	1,359	308	314	323		
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	13	10	8	51	12	13	12		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	65	57	60	69	251	68	54	59		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	22	24	20	92	22	23	19		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	18	20	14	9	61	20	7	16		
Over \$100,000 .....	13	10	10	15	48	12	16	12		
Totals .....	142	122	118	121	503	134	113	118		
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	83	72	37	46	238	38	43	51		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	465	373	339	379	1,556	400	348	339		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	201	166	149	152	668	158	185	153		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	105	121	83	85	394	106	80	97		
Over \$100,000 .....	97	98	127	117	439	121	99	108		
Totals .....	951	830	735	779	3,295	823	755	748		
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	53	44	22	30	149	24	25	31		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	252	193	163	205	813	221	178	198		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	103	96	84	90	373	92	105	86		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	54	52	51	49	206	58	45	56		
Over \$100,000 .....	41	44	58	64	207	67	59	65		
Totals .....	503	429	378	438	1,748	462	412	436		
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	28	23	14	14	79	13	18	18		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	177	151	155	134	617	146	139	113		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	75	55	52	51	233	51	58	47		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	40	50	28	27	145	38	29	30		
Over \$100,000 .....	42	40	54	38	174	45	32	31		
Totals .....	362	319	303	264	1,248	293	276	239		



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1965-January .....	47.8	19.3	36.5	49.0	126.6	45.1	73.4	48.4	46.5	41.1
February .....	73.4	76.5	63.7	82.6	117.6	46.4	81.4	112.4	28.5	122.0
March .....	64.3	66.3	50.2	62.9	77.1	483.4	87.1	44.2	51.0	41.7
April .....	61.3	103.3	45.2	56.7	191.7	114.8	87.5	105.7	38.9	60.6
May .....	68.4	43.4	70.6	68.1	66.1	56.8	140.7	57.6	51.5	32.6
June .....	58.5	57.0	46.4	75.9	43.8	25.0	94.8	44.5	36.1	41.7
July .....	654.2	45.5	88.0	1,406.2	55.4	92.9	113.1	109.4	71.7	48.3
August .....	157.9	12.4	81.2	271.1	156.0	50.2	384.5	316.2	87.6	38.4
September .....	64.8	-	56.7	72.7	96.2	62.8	93.8	82.8	40.0	40.0
October .....	68.0	14.1	65.5	66.6	122.4	66.4	97.8	94.1	32.2	61.8
November .....	63.8	114.7	65.4	63.6	25.5	92.0	73.0	62.5	48.3	69.2
December .....	80.4	22.0	79.5	80.2	62.9	185.2	159.6	52.1	55.7	40.0
1966-January .....	75.7	52.7	102.9	36.2	67.5	176.0	141.9	85.9	41.0	52.9
February .....	58.3	22.7	55.3	67.1	38.3	42.0	120.0	77.5	44.5	34.5
March .....	101.3	3.0	52.2	193.5	45.5	54.4	90.2	104.2	42.8	34.9
April .....	50.5	49.0	58.6	36.8	42.8	60.8	71.7	52.1	40.7	44.0
May .....	104.8	1,190.3	72.7	125.0	71.7	17.3	84.5	32.6	39.3	110.3
June .....	89.1	21.0	91.5	74.2	31.1	39.8	142.0	48.7	65.7	55.4
July .....	83.4	37.1	78.9	83.0	178.2	51.1	135.4	97.8	45.6	49.1
August .....	61.3	58.5	63.4	55.0	41.8	129.2	138.7	71.9	56.9	26.6
September .....	52.3	22.4	47.1	50.7	197.6	45.7	109.5	78.8	29.8	37.4
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1965 ....	134.7	59.5	58.5	244.4	103.1	109.2	121.9	87.9	49.0	49.4
Nine months 1966 ....	75.0	171.1	67.6	82.1	69.3	111.6	114.7	74.6	45.2	48.9

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the average shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1965-January .....	174	4	83	62	16	9	45	42	1	2
February .....	169	1	77	80	6	5	42	31	10	1
March .....	213	5	94	101	9	4	60	55	4	1
April .....	141	-	51	74	13	3	44	36	7	1
May .....	159	1	74	69	11	4	60	49	7	4
June .....	151	2	54	67	23	5	56	48	7	1
July .....	123	-	54	60	6	3	33	29	4	-
August .....	133	-	70	53	7	3	33	30	3	-
September .....	137	1	65	56	12	3	38	37	1	-
October .....	144	1	80	54	7	2	41	38	3	-
November .....	152	3	78	57	9	5	41	35	5	1
December .....	139	1	74	58	6	-	53	43	8	2
1966-January .....	140	2	67	66	3	2	48	43	4	1
February .....	164	1	67	79	15	2	46	40	6	-
March .....	184	3	79	80	14	8	41	33	7	1
April .....	152	-	71	71	9	1	38	34	4	-
May .....	163	3	68	79	7	6	34	29	5	-
June .....	141	1	63	63	7	7	53	44	9	-
July .....	103	-	54	44	2	3	36	31	4	1
August .....	133	-	61	65	6	1	29	27	2	-
September .....	153	-	63	74	12	4	21	17	4	-
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1965 ....	1,400	14	622	622	103	39	411	357	44	10
Nine months 1966 ....	1,333	10	593	621	75	34	346	298	45	3

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During the fourth quarter of 1966 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 678, a decrease of 13 per cent from the revised total of 779 for the same quarter of 1965. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$72,-408,000, higher by 24.4 per cent than the total of \$54,743,000 for the fourth quarter of 1965.

The total number of bankruptcies for the year 1966 was 3,006, a decrease of 8.8 per cent from the revised 1965 total of 3,295. Total estimated liabilities were \$247,303,000 in comparison with the twelve month total of \$393,650,000 for 1965.

## Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of insolvencies occurred in the trade sector with 1,236 in comparison with 1,359 in 1965. Liabilities decreased from \$65,249,000 to \$57,482,000 in the trade industry. In the manufacturing industry the number of failures was 322 compared with 346 in 1965. Defaulted liabilities in the manufacturing industry increased from \$41,208,000 to \$41,957,000. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was 559 in 1966 compared with 628 in 1965. Liabilities declined from \$52,373,000 to \$38,902,000 in the construction industry. In the financial sector the number of failures was 95 compared with 115 in 1965 and the liabilities fell sharply from \$192,-833,000 to \$62,427,000 in the 1965-66 comparison. The number of insolvencies in the service industries decreased from 503 to 470 and the liabilities from \$25,771,000 to \$21,350,000 in the 1965-66 comparison.

## Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 1,698 business failures in Quebec in 1966 compared with 1,748 in 1965. Estimated liabilities increased from \$107,182,000 to \$112,576,000. In Ontario the number of bankruptcies was 1,022 in 1966 compared with 1,248 in 1965 and defaulted liabilities declined from \$258,934,000 to \$108,631,000. There was little change in the number of business failures in the Prairie Provinces and the liabilities declined from \$15,234,000 in 1965 to \$10,988,000 in 1966. In British Columbia the number of failures decreased from 90 to 82 and the liabilities increased from \$9,787,000 to \$9,865,000.

## Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in all size groups showed a decline in 1966.

## Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1966 with Comparative Figures for 1965

No.		Fourth quarter									
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces		British Columbia	
		1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	11	13	6	15	3	9	-	1
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>										
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	19	8	1	2	1	-	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	11	11	8	8	-	2	1	-
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	6	7	6	3	-	-	-	-
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	5	4	2	5	1	2	-	-
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	5	4	1	2	-	1	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	57	39	26	23	4	5	1	-
	<u>Construction industries:</u>										
15	General contractors .....	3	1	32	34	20	9	6	3	2	1
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	2	47	46	36	22	6	6	3	2
17	Total construction industries .....	3	3	79	80	56	31	12	9	5	3
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	2	28	15	18	11	6	3	1	3
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>										
19	Food .....	1	1	35	32	15	13	2	4	1	1
20	General merchandise .....	1	2	6	5	6	7	-	-	-	-
21	Automotive products .....	-	1	43	42	26	26	5	6	4	3
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	2	34	26	13	9	1	-	-	2
23	Hardware .....	-	1	14	10	9	5	1	-	-	1
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	-	20	26	14	7	2	1	1	1
25	Drugs .....	-	1	5	1	1	2	1	-	1	-
26	Other trades .....	-	-	25	27	17	21	3	3	3	2
27	Total trade .....	3	8	182	169	101	90	15	14	10	10
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	14	10	15	5	2	-	-	2
	<u>Services:</u>										
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	1	3	1	4	1	-	-	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	10	5	2	1	-	-	1	-
31	Business services .....	-	-	6	12	7	4	1	-	1	1
32	Personal services .....	2	1	47	38	29	18	1	3	3	-
33	Other services .....	-	-	3	3	3	12	2	-	-	-
34	Total services .....	2	1	67	61	42	39	5	3	5	1
35	Totals .....	8	14	438	387	264	214	47	43	22	20

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1966 with Comparative Figures for 1965 - Concluded

Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	
		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000	
20	38	734	3,128	151	156	8,531	16,743	1
3	1	126	8	22	18	1,015	3,775	2
1	-	20	-	5	3	2,000	101	3
21	10	3,950	1,376	57	49	7,783	5,504	4
20	21	2,066	3,238	84	94	10,666	9,995	5
12	10	838	476	38	44	1,827	2,881	6
8	11	730	4,966	43	31	4,504	7,905	7
4	1	414	104	6	7	1,455	1,406	8
3	3	448	786	8	7	691	2,049	9
4	1	433	454	10	6	3,182	2,623	10
4	2	369	951	17	9	1,865	2,092	11
2	-	106	-	8	9	1,166	622	12
6	7	265	362	48	45	5,054	3,004	13
88	67	9,765	12,721	346	322	41,208	41,957	14
63	48	4,062	3,099	243	219	27,962	22,083	15
92	78	6,727	3,495	385	340	24,411	16,819	16
155	126	10,789	6,594	628	559	52,373	38,902	17
53	34	1,959	1,919	193	168	7,685	8,442	18
54	51	1,486	2,225	211	190	8,131	9,631	19
13	14	332	365	53	51	3,937	1,858	20
78	78	2,941	3,160	362	321	12,004	12,728	21
48	39	3,328	2,074	189	190	8,507	7,495	22
24	17	2,792	2,429	141	71	12,826	8,202	23
38	35	911	1,530	145	155	5,573	6,805	24
8	4	153	196	19	14	1,181	886	25
48	53	1,948	2,758	239	244	13,090	9,877	26
311	291	13,891	14,737	1,359	1,236	65,249	57,482	27
31	17	10,704	29,806	115	95	192,833	62,427	28
3	7	301	350	27	29	1,349	1,319	29
13	6	1,100	72	52	52	4,184	5,581	30
15	17	688	621	55	52	3,051	2,143	31
82	60	4,097	2,088	328	295	13,718	10,797	32
8	15	715	372	41	42	3,469	1,510	33
121	105	6,901	3,503	503	470	25,771	21,350	34
779	678	54,743	72,408	3,295	3,006	393,650	247,303	35







TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1965-January .....	3	58	144	5,255	127	6,224	6	2,020	2	20
February .....	4	306	147	9,364	118	9,747	2	26	3	99
March .....	6	398	212	10,643	117	7,362	4	213	1	23
April .....	6	620	155	6,999	90	5,100	5	80	-	-
May .....	7	301	147	10,380	118	8,042	3	343	2	14
June .....	2	115	127	5,911	111	8,424	2	103	2	25
July .....	6	273	132	11,612	119	167,332	1	4	1	12
August .....	1	12	103	8,361	75	20,335	-	-	-	-
September .....	-	-	143	8,103	109	7,932	2	150	2	135
October .....	3	42	144	9,429	92	6,131	2	193	2	81
November .....	3	344	160	10,471	90	5,727	11	240	4	54
December .....	2	44	134	10,654	82	6,578	3	162	3	45
1966-January .....	8	421	129	13,274	97	3,516	5	372	4	422
February .....	2	46	172	9,509	95	6,371	3	164	2	47
March .....	1	3	161	8,401	101	19,539	8	489	-	-
April .....	2	98	148	8,670	82	3,015	3	97	3	70
May .....	3	3,571	136	9,884	92	11,499	6	142	2	46
June .....	2	43	128	11,708	102	7,569	4	81	2	34
July .....	1	37	129	10,180	73	6,061	4	840	-	-
August .....	2	117	153	9,707	76	4,182	6	297	6	337
September .....	5	112	155	7,558	90	4,567	-	-	2	1,374
October .....	4	69	117	5,828	64	3,970	7	479	-	-
November .....	5	493	135	9,366	79	4,384	6	342	4	103
December .....	5	232	135	8,491	71	33,958	3	72	4	112
Twelve months 1965 ....	43	2,513	1,748	107,182	1,248	258,934	41	3,534	22	508
Twelve months 1966 ....	40	5,242	1,698	112,576	1,022	108,631	55	3,375	29	2,545
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1965-January .....	12	493	8	361	302	14,431	49	2,196	71	2,622
February .....	8	1,403	9	418	291	21,363	46	4,854	63	6,359
March .....	11	998	7	3,383	358	23,020	44	5,038	94	5,411
April .....	11	2,987	11	1,264	278	17,050	41	2,746	77	3,954
May .....	10	635	6	341	293	20,055	51	3,906	69	5,919
June .....	9	441	6	149	259	15,168	38	1,924	58	2,935
July .....	9	593	8	743	276	180,569	50	161,610	53	5,684
August .....	5	780	4	201	188	29,689	29	18,897	45	5,363
September .....	6	677	9	565	271	17,562	39	4,272	63	3,498
October .....	8	1,195	5	332	256	17,403	31	3,545	62	4,869
November .....	4	190	12	1,104	284	18,131	36	1,903	70	4,638
December .....	10	800	5	926	239	19,209	28	4,511	61	7,841
1966-January .....	4	83	6	1,056	253	19,144	35	1,631	77	9,791
February .....	1	18	8	336	283	16,491	35	2,628	80	4,749
March .....	10	329	6	326	287	29,087	38	10,683	68	3,641
April .....	10	517	5	304	253	12,771	33	1,495	60	4,338
May .....	7	889	3	52	249	26,083	39	4,774	67	4,066
June .....	8	320	7	2,784	253	22,539	34	4,429	75	9,431
July .....	6	942	10	569	223	18,629	26	2,475	67	5,910
August .....	8	201	8	1,034	259	15,875	27	1,183	64	3,736
September .....	6	207	10	457	268	14,276	34	2,294	64	3,350
October .....	7	201	8	234	207	10,781	21	1,815	52	2,781
November .....	4	106	3	1,652	236	16,446	26	2,402	66	5,729
December .....	8	1,255	9	1,061	235	45,181	28	32,541	63	3,979
Twelve months 1965 ....	103	11,192	90	9,787	3,295	393,650	482	215,402	786	59,093
Twelve months 1966 ....	79	5,068	83	9,865	3,006	247,303	376	68,350	803	61,501

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1965					1966				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	6	4	2	16	2	3	1	2	8
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	30	22	21	22	95	27	30	21	14	92
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	27	14	17	83	13	30	14	12	69
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	21	11	18	65	20	17	12	15	64
Over \$100,000 .....	15	23	20	29	87	24	26	15	24	89
Totals .....	89	99	70	88	346	86	106	63	67	322
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	9	4	13	34	5	5	11	2	23
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	90	73	56	66	285	69	64	51	63	247
25,000 " 50,000 ....	46	31	18	32	127	33	30	29	28	120
50,000 " 100,000 ....	19	25	16	21	81	28	15	28	21	92
Over \$100,000 .....	23	19	36	23	101	30	9	26	12	77
Totals .....	186	157	130	155	628	165	123	145	126	559
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	45	39	18	19	121	16	18	19	13	66
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	220	166	151	173	710	171	163	164	153	651
25,000 " 50,000 ....	85	64	70	67	286	67	75	71	61	274
50,000 " 100,000 ....	34	36	32	25	127	25	28	34	36	123
Over \$100,000 .....	29	29	30	27	115	29	30	35	28	122
Totals .....	413	334	301	311	1,359	308	314	323	291	1,236
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	20	13	10	8	51	12	13	12	12	49
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	65	57	60	69	251	68	54	59	58	239
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	22	24	20	92	22	23	19	14	78
50,000 " 100,000 ....	18	20	14	9	61	20	7	16	10	53
Over \$100,000 .....	13	10	10	15	48	12	16	12	11	51
Totals .....	142	122	118	121	503	134	113	118	105	470
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	83	72	37	46	238	38	43	51	30	162
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	465	373	339	379	1,556	400	348	339	324	1,411
25,000 " 50,000 ....	201	166	149	152	668	158	185	153	137	633
50,000 " 100,000 ....	105	121	83	85	394	106	80	97	92	375
Over \$100,000 .....	97	98	127	117	439	121	99	110	95	425
Totals .....	951	830	735	779	3,295	823	755	750	678	3,006
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	53	44	22	30	149	24	25	31	21	101
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	252	193	163	205	813	221	178	198	182	779
25,000 " 50,000 ....	103	96	84	90	373	92	105	86	72	355
50,000 " 100,000 ....	54	52	51	49	206	58	45	56	63	222
Over \$100,000 .....	41	44	58	64	207	67	59	66	49	241
Totals .....	503	429	378	438	1,748	462	412	437	387	1,698
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	28	23	14	14	79	13	18	18	9	58
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	177	151	155	134	617	146	139	113	106	504
25,000 " 50,000 ....	75	55	52	51	233	51	58	47	43	199
50,000 " 100,000 ....	40	50	28	27	145	38	29	30	21	118
Over \$100,000 .....	42	40	54	38	174	45	32	31	35	143
Totals .....	362	319	303	264	1,248	293	276	239	214	1,022

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1965-January .....	47.8	19.3	36.5	49.0	126.6	45.1	73.4	48.4	46.5	41.1
February .....	73.4	76.5	63.7	82.6	117.6	46.4	81.4	112.4	28.5	122.0
March .....	64.3	66.3	50.2	62.9	77.1	483.4	87.1	44.2	51.0	41.7
April .....	61.3	103.3	45.2	56.7	191.7	114.8	87.5	105.7	38.9	60.6
May .....	68.4	43.4	70.6	68.1	66.1	56.8	140.7	57.6	51.5	32.6
June .....	58.5	57.0	46.4	75.9	43.8	25.0	94.8	44.5	36.1	41.7
July .....	654.2	45.5	88.0	1,406.2	55.4	92.9	113.1	109.4	71.7	48.3
August .....	157.9	12.4	81.2	271.1	156.0	50.2	384.5	316.2	87.6	38.4
September .....	64.8	-	56.7	72.7	96.2	62.8	93.8	82.8	40.0	40.0
October .....	68.0	14.1	65.5	66.6	122.4	66.4	97.8	94.1	32.2	61.8
November .....	63.8	114.7	65.4	63.6	25.5	92.0	73.0	62.5	48.3	69.2
December .....	80.4	22.0	79.5	80.2	62.9	185.2	159.6	52.1	55.7	40.0
1966-January .....	75.7	52.7	102.9	36.2	67.5	176.0	141.9	85.9	41.0	52.9
February .....	58.3	22.7	55.3	67.1	38.3	42.0	120.0	77.5	44.5	34.5
March .....	101.3	3.0	52.2	193.5	45.5	54.4	90.2	104.2	42.8	34.9
April .....	50.5	49.0	58.6	36.8	42.8	60.8	71.7	52.1	40.7	44.0
May .....	104.8	1,190.3	72.7	125.0	71.7	17.3	84.5	32.6	39.3	110.3
June .....	89.1	21.0	91.5	74.2	31.1	39.8	142.0	48.7	65.7	55.4
July .....	83.5	37.1	78.9	83.0	178.2	56.9	134.2	97.8	45.6	49.1
August .....	61.3	58.5	63.4	55.0	41.8	129.2	138.7	71.9	56.9	26.6
September .....	53.3	22.4	48.8	50.7	197.6	45.7	109.5	78.9	29.8	37.4
October .....	52.1	17.3	49.8	62.0	48.6	24.2	121.2	44.3	42.8	41.2
November .....	69.7	98.6	69.1	55.5	39.4	550.7	117.6	61.1	67.5	33.6
December .....	192.3	46.4	62.9	478.3	95.9	117.9	294.2	51.6	40.8	20.2
Twelve months 1965 ..	119.4	58.4	61.3	207.5	92.6	108.7	119.1	83.4	48.0	51.2
Twelve months 1966 ..	82.3	131.1	66.2	106.3	67.4	120.3	130.3	69.6	46.5	45.4

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the average shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1965-January .....	174	4	83	62	16	9	45	42	1	2
February .....	169	1	77	80	6	5	42	31	10	1
March .....	213	5	94	101	9	4	60	55	4	1
April .....	141	-	51	74	13	3	44	36	7	1
May .....	159	1	74	69	11	4	60	49	7	4
June .....	151	2	54	67	23	5	56	48	7	1
July .....	123	-	54	60	6	3	33	29	4	-
August .....	133	-	70	53	7	3	33	30	3	-
September .....	137	1	65	56	12	3	38	37	1	-
October .....	144	1	80	54	7	2	41	38	3	-
November .....	152	3	78	57	9	5	41	35	5	1
December .....	139	1	74	58	6	-	53	43	8	2
1966-January .....	140	2	67	66	3	2	48	43	4	1
February .....	164	1	67	79	15	2	46	40	6	-
March .....	184	3	79	80	14	8	41	33	7	1
April .....	152	-	71	71	9	1	38	34	4	-
May .....	163	3	68	79	7	6	34	29	5	-
June .....	141	1	63	63	7	7	52	43	9	-
July .....	103	-	54	44	2	3	36	31	4	1
August .....	133	-	61	65	6	1	29	27	2	-
September .....	154	1	63	74	12	4	23	19	4	-
October .....	145	1	73	67	2	2	29	24	4	1
November .....	138	2	69	60	4	3	39	36	2	1
December .....	118	2	61	44	7	4	33	27	4	2
Twelve months 1965 ..	1,835	19	854	791	125	46	546	473	60	13
Twelve months 1966 ..	1,735	16	796	792	88	43	448	386	55	7

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

FIRST QUARTER 1967

During the first quarter of 1967 there were 727 failures recorded under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts as compared with 823 bankruptcies during the same period of 1966. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$39,086,000, lower by 39.6 per cent than the first quarter 1966 total of \$64,723,000. The average value of liabilities per failure was \$53,800, appreciably lower than last year's first quarter average of \$78,600.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade industry. Insolvencies in food, general, automotive products, furniture and appliances and other trades stores showed increases but defaulted liabilities in some of these trades were lower in the first quarter comparison. In the manufacturing industry there were fewer failures and the liabilities showed a considerable decline. In the construction industry both the number of failures and the defaulted liabilities were lower in the first quarter comparison. In the service industry the number of failures declined but the liabilities were higher.

### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 405 business failures in Quebec in the first quarter of 1967 as compared with 462 for the same period of 1966. Liabilities declined from \$31,184,000 to \$22,634,000. In Ontario the number of insolvencies declined from 293 to 234 and defaulted liabilities from \$29,426,000 to \$10,556,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of business failures increased from 37 to 52 and defaulted liabilities from \$1,924,000 to \$2,556,000. In British Columbia there was a small increase in bankruptcies and liabilities increased from \$1,719,000 to \$2,420,000.

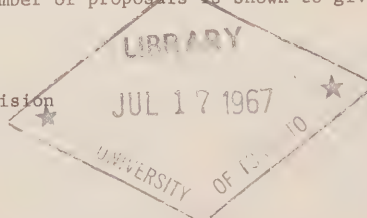
### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in 4 of the 5 size groups showed a decline in the first quarter comparison.

### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

First Quarter 1967 with Comparative Figures for 1966

No.		First quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	2	2	16	14	19	14
	<u>Manufacturing industries</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	1	4	4	2
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	1
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	17	8	2	2
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	13	10	4	11
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	4	13	1	3
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	3	4	3	3
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	2
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	7	2	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	7	7	8	3
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	58	48	25	27
	<u>Construction industries</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	4	29	35	21	14
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	1	62	41	31	23
17	Total construction industries .....	2	5	91	76	52	37
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	-	32	22	23	14
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail)</u>						
19	Food .....	-	3	31	33	7	15
20	General merchandise .....	1	-	-	5	3	4
21	Automotive products .....	3	1	39	46	28	31
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	33	25	18	10
23	Hardware .....	-	-	12	10	8	6
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	-	16	21	11	13
25	Drugs .....	-	-	3	1	-	1
26	Other trades .....	1	1	37	28	36	19
27	Total trade .....	5	5	171	169	111	99
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	17	17	14	8
	<u>Services</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	1	7	3	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	12	3	6	1
31	Business services .....	-	-	8	5	5	4
32	Personal services .....	1	1	48	36	30	21
33	Other services .....	-	1	8	8	5	9
34	Total services .....	1	2	77	59	49	35
35	Totals .....	11	14	462	405	293	234

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

First Quarter 1967 with Comparative Figures for 1966 - Concluded

First quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
1966	1967	1966	1967	Number		Liabilities		
				1966	1967	1966	1967	
						\$'000	\$'000	
2	4	1	2	40	36	2,257	2,010	1
-	-	-	1	5	7	519	1,656	2
-	-	-	-	2	1	70	259	3
-	-	-	-	19	10	2,824	1,061	4
1	1	1	1	19	23	975	1,397	5
1	-	-	1	6	17	346	576	6
-	-	-	-	6	7	495	933	7
-	-	-	-	1	2	237	39	8
-	1	-	-	2	1	1,015	75	9
-	-	-	-	2	-	1,924	-	10
-	-	-	-	2	-	305	-	11
-	-	-	-	7	2	424	26	12
-	-	-	-	15	10	1,010	1,670	13
2	2	1	3	86	80	10,144	7,692	14
7	7	1	2	59	62	6,990	4,699	15
7	6	5	4	106	75	7,916	2,253	16
14	13	6	6	165	137	14,906	6,952	17
2	12	-	1	58	49	3,230	1,037	18
2	3	-	1	40	55	1,992	2,093	19
-	1	1	-	5	10	79	359	20
6	5	2	1	78	84	3,671	3,209	21
4	2	2	-	57	37	1,464	1,556	22
-	1	-	-	20	17	1,506	644	23
-	1	1	1	28	36	924	1,002	24
-	-	-	-	3	2	203	95	25
1	5	2	4	77	57	3,338	2,127	26
13	18	8	7	308	298	13,177	11,085	27
1	1	-	2	32	28	15,541	4,750	28
-	-	-	-	4	7	122	359	29
-	1	1	1	19	6	1,054	1,229	30
-	-	-	-	13	9	634	1,317	31
3	1	3	-	85	59	2,878	1,891	32
-	-	-	-	13	18	780	764	33
3	2	4	1	134	99	5,468	5,560	34
37	52	20	22	823	727	64,723	39,086	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries								Construction industry		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Wood industries including furniture	Primary and fabricated metals industries	Machinery industries	Transportation equipment industries	Total	Number	Liab.	Total
		\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		\$'000						\$'000	
1966-January .....	253	19,144		11	248		26	3,690		5	253	1	4			1	110
February .....	283	16,491		10	223		35	4,200		5	285	3	243			1	905
March .....	287	29,088		19	1,786		25	2,254		9	437	2	248				-
April .....	253	12,771		24	904		33	2,365		5	962	4	223			1	54
May .....	249	26,083		15	5,750		30	2,535		10	310	2	288			44	1,433
June .....	253	22,539		8	278		43	6,108		19	3,078	6	1,549			41	1,996
July .....	223	18,629		10	2,843		22	2,953		9	303	2	385			47	4,598
August .....	259	15,875		12	928		22	3,051		4	493	1	-			48	3,449
September .....	268	14,276		9	655		19	2,080		7	635	-	-			50	3,945
October .....	207	10,781		13	347		20	2,425		10	1,585	2	323			37	1,640
November .....	236	16,446		11	1,887		20	2,352		7	431	3	102			38	2,320
December .....	236	45,345		14	894		28	8,108		5	1,387	6	4,540			51	2,634
1967-January .....	255	13,299		14	515		29	3,349		7	649	3	573			1	75
February .....	225	12,101		9	1,050		27	1,648		9	404	4	360			41	2,961
March .....	247	13,686		13	445		24	2,695		7	344	-	-			45	2,024
April .....																	
May .....																	
June .....																	
July .....																	
August .....																	
September .....																	
October .....																	
November .....																	
December .....																	
Three months 1966 .....	823	64,723		40	2,257		86	10,144		19	975	6	495			2	1,015
Three months 1967 .....	727	39,086		36	2,010		80	7,692		23	1,397	7	933			1	75
												2	39			137	6,952

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Food			Trade industries			Apparel and shoes			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total			Total			Total			Total			Total			Total			Total		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1966-January .....	17	1,743		99	4,055		8	118		17	512		12	363		6	2,819		45	2,381	
February .....	25	601		101	4,499		19	544		24	502		7	384		12	1,279		48	1,657	
March .....	16	886		108	4,623		13	1,330		16	450		9	177		14	11,443		41	1,430	
April .....	9	262		102	4,154		15	1,046		22	923		19	523		5	1,254		42	1,850	
May .....	11	258		98	3,851		8	426		10	542		15	781		10	7,733		41	4,523	
June .....	13	462		114	7,491		20	1,215		20	448		14	822		4	4,543		30	1,662	
July .....	11	865		93	4,237		15	484		14	1,204		15	360		7	1,513		33	1,619	
August .....	20	724		110	6,256		15	1,535		11	435		18	1,543		5	348		42	1,119	
September .....	12	722		120	3,579		26	708		17	404		11	322		15	1,687		43	1,607	
October .....	8	448		85	3,634		13	323		8	353		11	300		7	762		37	1,525	
November .....	18	736		101	6,820		17	1,018		14	1,360		13	476		3	817		45	1,514	
December .....	8	734		105	4,283		21	884		17	362		11	755		7	28,228		23	464	
1967-January .....	21	407		99	3,967		20	687		12	507		11	321		11	1,095		30	1,999	
February .....	14	329		97	3,330		15	428		13	496		14	369		10	2,173		27	610	
March .....	14	301		102	3,788		20	978		12	554		11	312		7	1,482		42	2,951	
April .....																					
May .....																					
June .....																					
July .....																					
August .....																					
September .....																					
October .....																					
November .....																					
December .....																					
Three months 1966 .....	58	3,230		308	13,177		40	1,992		57	1,464		28	924		32	15,561		134	5,468	
Three months 1967 .....	49	1,037		298	11,085		55	2,093		37	1,557		36	1,002		28	4,750		99	5,560	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1966-January .....	8	421	129	13,274	97	3,516	5	372	4	422
February .....	2	46	172	9,509	95	6,371	3	164	2	47
March .....	1	3	161	8,401	101	19,539	8	489	-	-
April .....	2	98	148	8,670	82	3,015	3	97	3	70
May .....	3	3,571	136	9,884	92	11,499	6	142	2	46
June .....	2	43	128	11,708	102	7,569	4	81	2	34
July .....	1	37	129	10,180	73	6,061	4	840	-	-
August .....	2	117	153	9,707	76	4,182	6	297	6	337
September .....	5	112	155	7,558	90	4,567	-	-	2	1,374
October .....	4	69	117	5,828	64	3,970	7	479	-	-
November .....	5	493	135	9,366	79	4,384	6	342	4	103
December .....	5	232	135	8,596	71	33,958	3	72	4	112
1967-January .....	5	676	129	6,896	92	4,461	6	196	2	30
February .....	6	148	131	6,619	62	3,398	6	171	6	158
March .....	3	96	145	9,119	80	2,697	2	71	4	29
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1966 .....	11	470	462	31,184	293	29,426	16	1,025	6	469
Three months 1967 .....	14	920	405	22,634	234	10,556	14	438	12	217
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1966-January .....	4	83	6	1,056	253	19,144	35	1,631	77	9,791
February .....	1	18	8	336	283	16,491	35	2,628	80	4,749
March .....	10	329	6	327	287	29,088	38	10,683	68	3,641
April .....	10	517	5	304	253	12,771	33	1,495	60	4,338
May .....	7	889	3	52	249	26,083	39	4,774	67	4,066
June .....	8	320	7	2,784	253	22,539	34	4,429	75	9,431
July .....	6	942	10	569	223	18,629	26	2,475	67	5,910
August .....	8	201	8	1,034	259	15,875	27	1,183	64	3,736
September .....	6	207	10	457	268	14,276	34	2,294	64	3,350
October .....	7	201	8	234	207	10,781	21	1,815	52	2,781
November .....	4	106	3	1,652	236	16,446	26	2,402	66	5,729
December .....	8	1,255	10	1,120	236	45,345	28	32,541	63	3,979
1967-January .....	8	366	13	674	255	13,299	37	1,977	64	4,716
February .....	8	1,137	6	470	225	12,101	23	1,692	50	3,918
March .....	10	398	3	1,276	247	13,686	25	726	68	5,168
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1966 .....	15	430	20	1,719	823	64,723	108	14,942	225	18,181
Three months 1967 .....	26	1,901	22	2,420	727	39,086	85	4,395	182	13,802



TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1966					1967				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	3	1	2	8	2				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	30	21	14	92	27				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	30	14	12	69	21				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	17	12	16	65	10				
Over \$100,000 .....	24	26	15	24	89	20				
Totals .....	86	106	63	68	323	80				
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	5	11	2	23	7				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	69	64	51	63	247	67				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	33	30	29	28	120	27				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	28	15	28	21	92	24				
Over \$100,000 .....	30	9	26	12	77	12				
Totals .....	165	123	145	126	559	137				
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	18	19	13	66	11				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	171	163	164	153	651	156				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	67	75	71	61	274	62				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	25	28	34	36	123	49				
Over \$100,000 .....	29	30	35	28	122	20				
Totals .....	308	314	323	291	1,236	298				
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	13	12	12	49	5				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	68	54	59	58	239	49				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	23	19	14	78	26				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	7	16	10	53	7				
Over \$100,000 .....	12	16	12	11	51	12				
Totals .....	134	113	118	105	470	99				
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	38	43	51	30	162	31				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	400	348	339	324	1,411	353				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	158	185	153	137	633	157				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	106	80	97	93	376	107				
Over \$100,000 .....	121	99	110	95	425	79				
Totals .....	823	755	750	679	3,007	727				
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	24	25	31	21	101	19				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	178	198	182	779	196				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	92	105	86	72	355	88				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	58	45	56	63	222	58				
Over \$100,000 .....	67	59	66	49	241	44				
Totals .....	462	412	437	387	1,698	405				
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	18	18	9	58	11				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	146	139	113	106	504	116				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	51	58	47	43	199	54				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	29	30	21	118	31				
Over \$100,000 .....	45	32	31	35	143	22				
Totals .....	293	276	239	214	1,022	234				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1966-January .....	75.7	52.7	102.9	36.2	67.5	176.0	141.9	85.9	41.0	52.9
February .....	58.3	22.7	55.3	67.1	38.3	42.0	120.0	77.5	44.5	34.5
March .....	101.3	3.0	52.2	193.5	45.5	54.4	90.2	104.2	42.8	34.9
April .....	50.5	49.0	58.6	36.8	42.8	60.8	71.7	52.1	40.7	44.0
May .....	104.8	1,190.3	72.7	125.0	71.7	17.3	84.5	32.6	39.3	110.3
June .....	89.1	21.0	91.5	74.2	31.1	39.8	142.0	48.7	65.7	55.4
July .....	83.5	37.1	78.9	83.0	178.2	56.9	134.2	97.8	45.6	49.1
August .....	61.3	58.5	63.4	55.0	41.8	129.2	138.7	71.9	56.9	26.6
September .....	53.3	22.4	48.8	50.7	197.6	45.7	109.5	78.9	29.8	37.4
October .....	52.1	17.3	49.8	62.0	48.6	29.2	121.2	44.3	42.8	41.2
November .....	69.7	98.6	69.4	55.5	39.4	550.7	117.6	61.1	67.5	33.6
December .....	192.1	46.4	63.7	478.3	95.9	112.0	289.6	51.6	40.8	20.2
1967-January .....	52.2	135.2	53.5	48.5	36.9	51.8	115.5	38.6	40.1	66.6
February .....	53.8	24.7	50.5	54.8	73.3	78.3	61.0	72.2	34.3	22.6
March .....	55.4	32.0	62.9	33.7	31.1	425.3	112.3	45.0	37.1	70.3
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1966 ...	78.6	42.7	67.5	100.4	52.1	85.9	118.0	90.3	42.8	40.8
Three months 1967 ...	53.8	65.7	55.9	45.1	49.1	110.0	96.2	50.7	37.2	56.2

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the average shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1966-January .....	140	2	67	66	3	2	48	43	4	1
February .....	164	1	67	79	15	2	46	40	6	-
March .....	184	3	79	80	14	8	41	33	7	1
April .....	152	-	71	71	9	1	38	34	4	-
May .....	163	3	68	79	7	6	34	29	5	-
June .....	141	1	63	63	7	7	52	43	9	-
July .....	103	-	54	44	2	3	36	31	4	1
August .....	133	-	61	65	6	1	29	27	2	-
September .....	154	1	63	74	12	4	23	19	4	-
October .....	145	1	73	67	2	2	29	24	4	1
November .....	138	2	69	60	4	3	39	36	2	1
December .....	118	2	61	44	7	4	33	27	4	2
1967-January .....	119	2	40	65	6	6	38	32	4	2
February .....	120	1	56	51	8	4	49	39	9	1
March .....	152	-	57	78	11	6	39	35	4	-
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1966 ...	488	6	213	225	32	12	135	116	17	2
Three months 1967 ...	391	3	153	194	25	16	126	106	17	3

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

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SECOND QUARTER 1967

During the second quarter of 1967 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 625, a decrease of 17.2 per cent from the revised total of 755 insolvencies recorded for the second quarter of 1966. The estimated total of the defaulted liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$41,948,000 as compared with \$61,392,000 for the same quarter of last year.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 250 failures compared with 314 in the second quarter of 1966. In the manufacturing industries group, the number of business failures decreased from 106 to 63 and liabilities from \$11,008,000 to \$10,325,000 in the 1966-67 comparison. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was considerably lower with 89 failures compared with 123 in the second quarter of 1966. Defaulted liabilities were also lower in value. In the financial sector the number of failures were higher but the liabilities were lower. In the service industry the number of insolvent firms were slightly lower and the liabilities were considerably less in value.

### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 332 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the second quarter of 1967 compared with 412 for the same period of 1966. Estimated liabilities were \$27,904,000 compared with \$30,262,000. In Ontario the number of business failures decreased from 276 to 232 and the liabilities from \$22,084,000 to \$11,618,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvent firms declined from 45 to 34 and the defaulted liabilities from \$2,195,000 to \$1,194,000. In British Columbia the number of business failures increased from 15 to 19 but the liabilities decreased from \$3,140,000 to \$1,048,000.

### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved firms in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 range increased slightly in the 1966-67 comparison.

### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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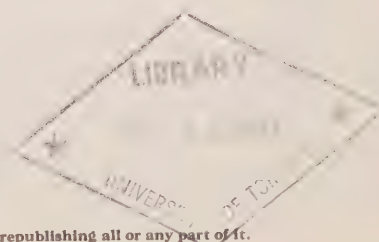


TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter 1967 with Comparative Figures for 1966

No.		Second quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	3	-	20	20	16	13
	<u>Manufacturing industries</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	2	3	1	4
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	2	-	2
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	12	5	1	2
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	23	8	11	6
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	10	5	7	2
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	8	1	4	4
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	1	2	2	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	2	1	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	10	7	4	5
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	70	35	34	27
	<u>Construction industries</u>						
15	General contractors .....	-	-	29	16	15	13
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	2	27	25	42	24
17	Total construction industries .....	-	2	56	41	57	37
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	19	19	10	23
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail)</u>						
19	Food .....	-	1	27	32	13	17
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	8	3	9	8
21	Automotive products .....	-	2	39	32	30	22
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	35	24	15	16
23	Hardware .....	-	1	12	2	4	8
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	2	-	25	12	18	9
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	4	1	1
26	Other trades .....	-	1	29	22	19	10
27	Total trade .....	2	5	176	131	109	91
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	10	19	7	7
	<u>Services</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	5	7	4	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	7	3	5	4
31	Business services .....	1	-	3	6	4	5
32	Personal services .....	1	1	44	43	25	20
33	Other services .....	-	-	2	8	5	5
34	Total services .....	2	1	61	67	43	34
35	Totals .....	7	8	412	332	276	232

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter with Comparative Figures for 1966 - Concluded

Second quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966 \$'000	1967 \$'000	
5	1	3	6	47	40	6,931	4,257	1
1	-	-	-	4	7	410	641	2
-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1,193	3
1	-	-	-	14	7	1,033	865	4
-	-	-	-	34	14	4,350	1,669	5
-	-	-	-	17	7	1,162	131	6
-	-	-	-	12	5	2,060	404	7
-	-	-	-	2	1	190	11	8
-	-	-	-	1	1	54	52	9
-	-	-	-	3	2	245	4,098	10
-	-	-	-	3	2	775	459	11
-	-	-	-	2	-	199	-	12
-	-	-	1	14	13	530	802	13
2	-	-	1	106	63	11,008	10,325	14
3	2	1	-	48	31	3,127	2,225	15
5	4	1	3	75	58	2,283	2,356	16
8	6	2	3	123	89	5,410	4,581	17
3	5	1	1	33	48	982	2,997	18
2	2	1	2	43	54	2,687	2,429	19
1	1	-	1	18	13	809	954	20
9	3	2	-	80	59	2,945	3,426	21
2	5	-	-	52	45	1,913	991	22
3	3	1	1	20	15	3,252	1,281	23
3	2	-	1	48	24	2,126	683	24
-	-	-	-	2	5	56	142	25
2	1	1	1	51	35	1,708	1,041	26
22	17	5	6	314	250	15,496	10,947	27
1	2	1	-	19	28	13,531	4,103	28
-	-	1	-	10	7	281	674	29
1	-	-	-	13	7	3,622	209	30
-	-	-	-	8	11	244	844	31
3	3	2	2	75	69	3,663	2,777	32
-	-	-	-	7	13	224	234	33
4	3	3	2	113	107	8,034	4,738	34
45	34	15	19	755	625	61,392	41,948	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction industry			
	Total		Total		Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Total	
	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000
1966-January .....	253	19,144	11	248	26	3,690	5	253	1	4	-	-	1	110	49	4,208
February .....	283	16,491	10	223	35	4,200	5	285	3	243	1	237	1	905	52	4,031
March .....	287	29,087	19	1,786	25	2,254	9	437	2	248	-	-	-	-	64	6,667
April .....	253	12,771	24	904	33	2,365	5	962	4	223	-	-	1	54	38	1,981
May .....	249	26,083	15	5,750	30	2,535	10	310	2	288	1	28	-	-	44	1,433
June .....	253	22,539	8	278	43	6,108	19	3,078	6	1,549	1	162	-	-	41	1,995
July .....	223	18,629	10	2,843	22	2,953	9	303	2	385	1	542	-	-	47	4,598
August .....	259	15,875	12	928	22	3,051	4	493	-	-	1	313	1	194	48	3,449
September .....	268	14,276	9	655	19	2,080	7	635	-	-	1	19	-	-	50	3,945
October .....	207	10,781	13	347	20	2,425	10	1,585	2	323	1	104	1	254	37	1,640
November .....	236	16,446	11	1,887	20	2,352	7	431	3	102	-	-	1	165	38	2,320
December .....	236	45,345	14	894	28	8,108	5	1,387	6	4,540	-	-	1	367	51	2,634
1967-January .....	255	13,508	14	515	29	3,348	7	649	3	573	2	39	1	75	51	1,967
February .....	226	12,146	9	1,050	27	1,648	9	404	4	360	-	-	-	-	41	2,982
March .....	249	13,977	13	445	24	2,695	7	344	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	2,255
April .....	216	17,671	13	2,762	25	5,885	6	202	2	105	-	-	-	-	30	1,005
May .....	231	14,169	11	994	19	2,484	2	545	1	184	1	11	-	-	37	2,974
June .....	178	10,108	16	502	19	1,956	6	922	2	115	-	-	1	52	22	602
July .....																
August .....																
September .....																
October .....																
November .....																
December .....																
Six months 1966 .....	1,578	126,115	87	9,189	192	21,152	53	5,325	18	2,555	3	427	3	1,069	288	20,315
Six months 1967 .....	1,355	81,579	76	6,268	143	18,016	37	3,066	12	1,337	3	50	2	127	227	11,785

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1966-January .....	17	1,743	99	4,055	8	118	17	512	12	363	6	2,819	45	2,381	
February .....	25	601	101	4,499	19	544	24	502	7	384	12	1,279	48	1,657	
March .....	16	886	108	4,623	13	1,330	16	450	9	177	14	11,443	41	1,429	
April .....	9	262	102	4,154	15	1,046	22	923	19	524	5	1,254	42	1,850	
May .....	11	258	98	3,851	8	426	10	542	15	781	10	7,734	41	4,523	
June .....	13	462	114	7,491	20	1,215	20	448	14	822	4	4,543	30	1,662	
July .....	11	865	93	4,237	15	484	14	1,204	15	360	7	1,513	33	1,619	
August .....	20	724	110	6,256	15	1,535	11	435	18	1,543	5	348	42	1,119	
September .....	12	722	120	3,579	26	708	17	404	11	322	15	1,687	43	1,607	
October .....	8	448	85	3,634	13	323	8	353	11	300	7	762	37	1,525	
November .....	18	736	101	6,820	17	1,018	14	1,360	13	476	3	817	45	1,514	
December .....	8	734	105	4,283	21	884	17	362	11	755	7	28,228	23	464	
1967-January .....	21	407	99	3,967	20	687	12	507	11	320	11	1,095	30	2,208	
February .....	14	329	98	3,356	15	428	13	496	14	369	10	2,173	27	609	
March .....	14	301	102	3,777	20	978	12	554	11	301	7	1,482	43	3,022	
April .....	18	1,982	80	3,544	15	276	16	360	2	32	15	1,626	35	867	
May .....	15	341	98	3,573	21	851	21	458	14	352	7	1,933	44	1,871	
June .....	15	674	72	3,829	18	1,302	8	172	8	299	6	544	28	2,000	
July .....															
August .....															
September .....															
October .....															
November .....															
December .....															
Six months 1966 .....	91	4,212	622	28,673	83	4,679	109	3,377	76	3,051	51	29,072	247	13,502	
Six months 1967 .....	97	4,034	549	22,046	109	4,522	82	2,547	60	1,673	56	8,853	207	10,577	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1966-January .....	8	421	129	13,274	97	3,516	5	372	4	422
February .....	2	46	172	9,509	95	6,371	3	164	2	47
March .....	1	3	161	8,401	101	19,539	8	489	-	-
April .....	2	98	148	8,670	82	3,015	3	97	3	70
May .....	3	3,571	136	9,884	92	11,499	6	142	2	46
June .....	2	43	128	11,708	102	7,569	4	81	2	34
July .....	1	37	129	10,180	73	6,061	4	840	-	-
August .....	2	117	153	9,707	76	4,182	6	297	6	337
September .....	5	112	155	7,558	90	4,567	-	-	2	1,374
October .....	4	69	117	5,828	64	3,970	7	479	-	-
November .....	5	493	135	9,366	79	4,384	6	342	4	103
December .....	5	232	135	8,596	71	33,958	3	72	4	112
1967-January .....	5	676	129	6,896	92	4,615	6	196	2	30
February .....	6	148	132	6,644	62	3,397	6	171	6	158
March .....	3	96	147	9,410	80	2,697	2	71	4	29
April .....	5	145	114	13,698	85	3,585	5	135	1	10
May .....	1	7	132	8,557	78	4,680	3	100	4	55
June .....	2	32	86	5,649	69	3,354	8	590	2	73
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1966 .....	18	4,182	874	61,446	569	51,509	29	1,345	13	619
Six months 1967 .....	22	1,104	740	50,854	466	22,328	30	1,263	19	355
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1966-January .....	4	83	6	1,056	253	19,144	35	1,631	77	9,791
February .....	1	18	8	336	283	16,491	35	2,628	80	4,749
March .....	10	329	6	326	287	29,087	38	10,683	68	3,641
April .....	10	517	5	304	253	12,771	33	1,495	60	4,338
May .....	7	889	3	52	249	26,083	39	4,774	67	4,066
June .....	8	320	7	2,784	253	22,539	34	4,429	75	9,431
July .....	6	942	10	569	223	18,629	26	2,475	67	5,910
August .....	8	201	8	1,034	259	15,875	27	1,183	64	3,736
September .....	6	207	10	457	268	14,276	34	2,294	64	3,350
October .....	7	201	8	234	207	10,781	21	1,815	52	2,781
November .....	4	106	3	1,652	236	16,446	26	2,402	66	5,729
December .....	8	1,255	10	1,120	236	45,345	28	32,541	63	3,979
1967-January .....	8	366	13	729	255	13,508	37	1,977	64	4,716
February .....	8	1,137	6	491	226	12,146	23	1,692	50	3,918
March .....	10	398	3	1,276	249	13,977	25	726	68	5,168
April .....	1	11	5	87	216	17,671	32	2,043	58	3,367
May .....	5	84	8	686	231	14,169	22	1,783	63	5,463
June .....	5	134	6	275	178	10,107	25	922	33	2,443
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1966 .....	40	2,156	35	4,858	1,578	126,115	214	25,640	427	36,016
Six months 1967 .....	37	2,130	41	3,544	1,355	81,579	164	9,143	336	25,075

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1966					1967				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	3	1	2	8	2	2			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	30	21	14	92	27	20			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	30	14	12	69	21	6			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	17	12	16	65	10	18			
Over \$100,000 .....	24	26	15	24	89	20	17			
Totals .....	86	106	63	68	323	80	63			
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	5	11	2	23	7	4			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	69	64	51	63	247	67	47			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	33	30	29	28	120	28	17			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	28	15	28	21	92	24	13			
Over \$100,000 .....	30	9	26	12	77	12	8			
Totals .....	165	123	145	126	559	138	89			
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	18	19	13	66	11	15			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	171	163	164	153	651	156	137			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	67	75	71	61	274	63	53			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	25	28	34	36	123	49	24			
Over \$100,000 .....	29	30	35	28	122	20	21			
Totals .....	308	314	323	291	1,236	299	250			
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	13	12	12	49	5	9			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	68	54	59	58	239	49	51			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	23	19	14	78	25	22			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	7	16	10	53	8	16			
Over \$100,000 .....	12	16	12	11	51	13	9			
Totals .....	134	113	118	105	470	100	107			
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	38	43	51	30	162	31	35			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	400	348	339	324	1,411	353	305			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	158	185	153	137	633	158	121			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	106	80	97	93	376	108	83			
Over \$100,000 .....	121	99	110	95	425	80	81			
Totals .....	823	755	750	679	3,007	730	625			
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	24	25	31	21	101	19	19			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	178	198	182	779	196	166			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	92	105	86	72	355	90	55			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	58	45	56	63	222	59	36			
Over \$100,000 .....	67	59	66	49	241	44	56			
Totals .....	462	412	437	387	1,698	408	332			
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	18	18	9	58	11	15			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	146	139	113	106	504	116	108			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	51	58	47	43	199	54	50			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	29	30	21	118	31	37			
Over \$100,000 .....	45	32	31	35	143	22	22			
Totals .....	293	276	239	214	1,022	234	232			

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1966-January .....	75.7	52.7	102.9	36.2	67.5	176.0	141.9	85.9	41.0	52.9
February .....	58.3	22.7	55.3	67.1	38.3	42.0	120.0	77.5	44.5	34.5
March .....	101.3	3.0	52.2	193.5	45.5	54.4	90.2	104.2	42.8	34.9
April .....	50.5	49.0	58.6	36.8	42.8	60.8	71.7	52.1	40.7	44.0
May .....	104.8	1,190.3	72.7	125.0	71.7	17.3	84.5	32.6	39.3	110.3
June .....	89.1	21.0	91.5	74.2	31.1	39.8	142.0	48.7	65.7	55.4
July .....	83.5	37.1	78.9	83.0	178.2	56.9	134.2	97.8	45.6	49.1
August .....	61.3	58.5	63.4	55.0	41.8	129.2	138.7	71.9	56.9	26.6
September .....	53.3	22.4	48.8	50.7	197.6	45.7	109.5	78.9	29.8	37.4
October .....	52.1	17.3	49.8	62.0	48.6	29.2	121.2	44.3	42.8	41.2
November .....	69.7	98.6	69.4	55.5	39.4	550.7	117.6	61.1	67.5	33.6
December .....	192.1	46.4	63.7	478.3	95.9	112.0	289.6	51.6	40.8	20.2
1967-January .....	53.0	135.2	53.5	50.2	36.9	56.1	115.5	38.6	40.1	73.6
February .....	53.7	24.7	50.3	54.8	73.3	81.8	61.0	72.7	34.2	22.6
March .....	56.1	32.0	64.0	33.7	31.1	425.3	112.3	49.0	37.0	70.3
April .....	81.8	29.0	120.2	42.2	22.3	17.4	235.4	25.1	44.3	24.8
May .....	61.3	7.0	64.8	60.0	19.9	85.6	130.7	80.3	36.4	42.5
June .....	56.8	157.5	65.7	48.6	53.2	45.8	102.9	27.4	53.2	71.4
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1966 .....	79.9	20.6	70.3	90.5	50.2	138.8	110.2	70.5	46.1	54.7
Six months 1967 .....	60.2	50.2	68.7	47.9	43.6	86.4	126.0	51.9	40.2	51.1

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the coverage shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1966-January .....	140	2	67	66	3	2	48	43	4	1
February .....	164	1	67	79	15	2	46	40	6	-
March .....	184	3	79	80	14	8	41	33	7	1
April .....	152	-	71	71	9	1	38	34	4	-
May .....	163	3	68	79	7	6	34	29	5	-
June .....	141	1	63	63	7	7	52	43	9	-
July .....	103	-	54	44	2	3	36	31	4	1
August .....	133	-	61	65	6	1	29	27	2	-
September .....	154	1	63	74	12	4	23	19	4	-
October .....	145	1	73	67	2	2	29	24	4	1
November .....	138	2	69	60	4	3	39	36	2	1
December .....	118	2	61	44	7	4	33	27	4	2
1967-January .....	119	2	40	65	6	6	36	30	4	2
February .....	120	1	56	51	8	4	49	39	9	1
March .....	151	-	56	78	11	6	39	35	4	-
April .....	118	1	45	69	-	3	32	24	6	2
May .....	117	3	40	62	9	3	25	18	3	4
June .....	110	2	38	59	9	2	20	17	2	1
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1966 .....	944	10	415	438	55	26	259	222	35	2
Six months 1967 .....	735	9	275	384	43	24	201	163	28	10



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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

THIRD QUARTER 1967

The total number of business failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts during the third quarter of 1967 has been estimated at 604 compared with 750 for the third quarter of 1966. Estimated liabilities in default rose to \$74,271,000 in comparison with \$48,780,000 for the same quarter of last year with failures in the construction industry accounting for a substantial portion of the increase.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade industry with 246 failures compared with 323 in the third quarter of 1966. Liabilities in this sector was \$13,689,000 as against \$14,072,000 in the previous third quarter. In the manufacturing industry the number of insolvencies decreased from 63 to 50 and defaulted liabilities from \$8,084,000 to \$6,511,000 in the 1966-67 comparison. Similarly the Construction industry experienced a smaller number of failures from 145 to 102 but liabilities increased from \$11,993,000 to \$31,689,000. In the Finance industry the number of insolvencies increased from 27 to 30 and the liabilities increased from \$3,548,000 to \$10,239,000. There were fewer bankruptcies in the Service industry but liabilities increased from \$4,345,000 to \$7,748,000.

#### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

While the number of business failures in Ontario decreased from 239 to 188 in the third quarter of 1967 compared with last years similar quarter, corresponding liabilities rose from \$14,810,000 to \$23,094,000. Estimated liabilities in Quebec in this quarter increased from \$27,445,000 to \$47,113,000 with a decline in number from 437 to 363. In the Prairie Provinces the number of bankruptcies decreased from 38 to 25 and the liabilities from \$4,198,000 to \$981,000. There were fewer business failures in British Columbia 18 compared with 28 and liabilities decreased from \$2,060,000 to \$1,070,000.

#### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. The number of insolvencies in all groups decreased in the 1966-67 third quarter comparison.

#### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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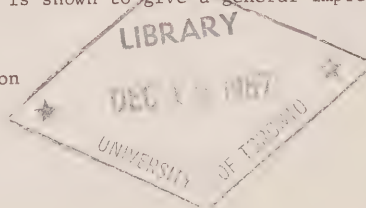


TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter 1967 with Comparative Figures for 1966

No.		Third quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	2	-	12	11	13	8
	<u>Manufacturing industries</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	4	1	2	2
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	2
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	1	3	5	2	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	14	8	6	4
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	8	2	2	1
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	1	4	1	5
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	1	-	-	1	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	2	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	1	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	5	5	4	2
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	2	40	30	18	18
	<u>Construction industries</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	1	41	26	16	14
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	-	44	39	28	12
17	Total construction industries .....	3	1	85	65	44	26
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	23	29	17	13
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail)</u>						
19	Food .....	-	1	34	35	18	10
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	5	4	8	6
21	Automotive products .....	1	1	44	36	25	29
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	27	14	14	6
23	Hardware .....	-	-	7	7	5	9
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	1	27	18	15	6
25	Drugs .....	-	-	3	3	2	-
26	Other trades .....	1	2	39	20	15	18
27	Total trade .....	3	5	186	137	102	84
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	15	21	12	8
	<u>Services</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	7	5	1	3
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	13	2	1	4
31	Business services .....	-	-	10	9	2	3
32	Personal services .....	-	1	44	46	24	15
33	Other services .....	-	-	2	8	5	6
34	Total services .....	-	1	76	70	33	31
35	Totals .....	8	10	437	363	239	188

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter 1967 with Comparative Figures for 1966 - Concluded

Third quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966 \$'000	1967 \$'000	
2	3	2	2	31	24	4,427	2,089	1
1	-	1	-	8	3	2,838	342	2
-	-	-	-	1	4	32	1,101	3
-	-	1	-	6	5	270	414	4
-	-	-	-	20	12	1,431	2,040	5
-	-	1	-	11	3	898	259	6
-	-	-	-	2	9	385	647	7
1	-	-	-	3	1	874	97	8
-	-	-	-	1	2	194	109	9
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	539	10
-	-	-	-	2	1	60	283	11
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	21	12
-	-	-	-	9	7	1,102	659	13
2	-	3	-	63	50	8,084	6,511	14
4	3	2	2	64	46	8,867	26,636	15
4	4	3	1	81	56	3,126	5,053	16
8	7	5	3	145	102	11,993	31,689	17
1	-	2	-	43	43	2,311	2,306	18
3	1	1	2	56	49	2,727	1,173	19
-	2	1	-	14	12	606	1,606	20
10	5	5	1	85	72	2,953	2,807	21
-	-	1	-	42	20	2,043	738	22
2	-	-	1	14	17	1,015	3,487	23
1	1	-	3	44	29	2,225	1,756	24
-	-	-	1	5	4	430	547	25
3	2	5	1	63	43	2,073	1,575	26
19	11	13	9	323	246	14,072	13,689	27
-	-	-	1	27	30	3,548	10,239	28
-	-	-	1	8	9	566	1,769	29
-	-	-	1	14	7	834	255	30
2	2	-	-	14	14	643	1,232	31
4	2	3	-	75	64	2,168	4,251	32
-	-	-	1	7	15	134	241	33
6	4	3	3	118	109	4,345	7,748	34
38	25	28	18	750	604	48,780	74,271	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries												Construction industry		
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TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries				Trade industries				Household furniture and appliances				Finance industries				Service industries			
	Total		Total		Food		Apparel and shoes		Number		Liab.		Total		Total		Total		Total	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000				\$'000				\$'000				\$'000				\$'000			
1966-January .....	17	1,743	99	4,055	8	118	17	512	12	363	6	2,819	45	2,381						
February .....	25	601	101	4,499	19	544	24	502	7	384	12	1,279	48	1,657						
March .....	16	886	108	4,623	13	1,330	16	450	9	177	14	11,443	41	1,429						
April .....	9	262	102	4,154	15	1,046	22	923	19	524	5	1,254	42	1,850						
May .....	11	258	98	3,851	8	426	10	542	15	781	10	7,734	41	4,523						
June .....	13	462	114	7,491	20	1,215	20	448	14	822	4	4,543	30	1,662						
July .....	11	865	93	4,237	15	484	14	1,204	15	360	7	1,513	33	1,619						
August .....	20	724	110	6,256	15	1,535	11	435	18	1,543	5	348	42	1,119						
September .....	12	722	120	3,579	26	708	17	404	11	322	15	1,687	43	1,607						
October .....	8	448	85	3,634	13	323	8	353	11	300	7	762	37	1,525						
November .....	18	736	101	6,820	17	1,018	14	1,360	13	476	3	817	45	1,514						
December .....	8	734	105	4,283	21	884	17	362	11	755	7	28,228	23	464						
1967-January .....	21	407	99	3,967	20	687	12	507	11	320	11	1,095	30	2,208						
February .....	14	329	98	3,356	15	428	13	496	14	369	10	2,173	27	609						
March .....	14	301	102	3,777	20	978	12	554	11	301	7	1,482	43	3,022						
April .....	18	1,982	80	3,544	15	276	16	360	2	32	15	1,626	35	867						
May .....	15	341	98	3,573	21	851	21	458	14	352	7	1,933	44	1,871						
June .....	15	674	72	3,829	18	1,302	8	172	8	299	6	544	28	2,000						
July .....	18	405	86	4,906	17	432	5	341	11	360	10	2,233	35	1,680						
August .....	10	995	62	3,486	10	238	5	171	8	1,080	13	7,179	37	2,881						
September .....	15	906	98	5,297	22	502	10	225	10	317	7	827	37	3,187						
October .....																				
November .....																				
December .....																				
Nine months 1966 .....	134	6,523	945	42,745	139	7,406	151	5,420	120	5,276	78	32,620	365	17,847						
Nine months 1967 .....	140	6,340	795	35,735	158	5,694	102	3,284	89	3,430	86	19,092	316	18,325						



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1966-January .....	8	421	129	13,274	97	3,516	5	372	4	422
February .....	2	46	172	9,509	95	6,371	3	164	2	47
March .....	1	3	161	8,401	101	19,539	8	489	-	-
April .....	2	98	148	8,670	82	3,015	3	97	3	70
May .....	3	3,571	136	9,884	92	11,499	6	142	2	46
June .....	2	43	128	11,708	102	7,569	4	81	2	34
July .....	1	37	129	10,180	73	6,061	4	840	-	-
August .....	2	117	153	9,707	76	4,182	6	297	6	337
September .....	5	112	155	7,558	90	4,567	-	-	2	1,374
October .....	4	69	117	5,828	64	3,970	7	479	-	-
November .....	5	493	135	9,366	79	4,384	6	342	4	103
December .....	5	232	135	8,596	71	33,958	3	72	4	112
1967-January .....	5	676	129	6,896	92	4,615	6	196	2	30
February .....	6	148	132	6,644	62	3,397	6	171	6	158
March .....	3	96	147	9,410	80	2,697	2	71	4	29
April .....	5	145	114	13,698	85	3,585	5	135	1	10
May .....	1	7	132	8,557	78	4,680	3	100	4	55
June .....	2	32	86	5,649	69	3,354	8	590	2	73
July .....	2	35	118	8,624	68	3,647	5	273	-	-
August .....	1	44	123	12,200	47	7,753	3	100	3	98
September .....	7	1,934	122	26,290	73	11,694	4	77	2	49
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1966 .....	26	4,449	1,311	88,890	808	66,319	39	2,482	21	2,330
Nine months 1967 .....	32	3,117	1,103	97,968	654	45,422	42	1,713	24	502
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1966-January .....	4	83	6	1,056	253	19,144	35	1,631	77	9,791
February .....	1	18	8	336	283	16,491	35	2,628	80	4,749
March .....	10	329	6	326	287	29,087	38	10,683	68	3,641
April .....	10	517	5	304	253	12,771	33	1,495	60	4,338
May .....	7	889	3	52	249	26,083	39	4,774	67	4,066
June .....	8	320	7	2,784	253	22,539	34	4,429	75	9,431
July .....	6	942	10	569	223	18,629	26	2,475	67	5,910
August .....	8	201	8	1,034	259	15,875	27	1,183	64	3,736
September .....	6	207	10	457	268	14,276	34	2,294	64	3,350
October .....	7	201	8	234	207	10,781	21	1,815	52	2,781
November .....	4	106	3	1,652	236	16,446	26	2,402	66	5,729
December .....	8	1,255	10	1,120	236	45,345	28	32,541	63	3,979
1967-January .....	8	366	13	729	255	13,508	37	1,977	64	4,716
February .....	8	1,137	6	491	226	12,146	23	1,692	50	3,918
March .....	10	398	3	1,276	249	13,977	25	726	68	5,168
April .....	1	11	5	87	216	17,671	32	2,043	58	3,367
May .....	5	84	8	686	231	14,169	22	1,783	63	5,463
June .....	5	134	6	275	178	10,107	25	922	33	2,443
July .....	3	274	6	298	202	13,151	25	1,233	60	3,706
August .....	2	49	6	321	185	20,565	17	5,585	60	6,104
September .....	3	61	6	451	217	40,556	29	8,187	48	22,423
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1966 .....	60	3,507	63	6,918	2,328	174,895	301	31,592	622	49,012
Nine months 1967 .....	45	2,514	59	4,614	1,959	155,850	235	24,148	504	57,308

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1966					1967				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	3	1	2	8	2	2	-		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	30	21	14	92	27	20	13		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	30	14	12	69	21	6	10		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	17	12	16	65	10	18	7		
Over \$100,000 .....	24	26	15	24	89	20	17	20		
Totals .....	86	106	63	68	323	80	63	50		
<u>Construction</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	5	11	2	23	7	4	3		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	69	64	51	63	247	67	47	45		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	33	30	29	28	120	28	17	22		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	28	15	28	21	92	24	13	15		
Over \$100,000 .....	30	9	26	12	77	12	8	17		
Totals .....	165	123	145	126	559	138	89	102		
<u>Trade</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	18	19	13	66	11	15	12		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	171	163	164	153	651	156	137	135		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	67	75	71	61	274	63	53	53		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	25	28	34	36	123	49	24	22		
Over \$100,000 .....	29	30	35	28	122	20	21	24		
Totals .....	308	314	323	291	1,236	299	250	246		
<u>Service</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	13	12	12	49	5	9	6		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	68	54	59	58	239	49	51	53		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	23	19	14	78	25	22	18		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	7	16	10	53	8	16	13		
Over \$100,000 .....	12	16	12	11	51	13	9	19		
Totals .....	134	113	118	105	470	100	107	109		
<u>Total Canada</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	38	43	51	30	162	31	35	24		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	400	348	339	324	1,411	353	305	284		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	158	185	153	137	633	158	121	123		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	106	80	97	93	376	108	83	70		
Over \$100,000 .....	121	99	110	95	425	80	81	103		
Totals .....	823	755	750	679	3,007	730	625	604		
<u>Quebec</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	24	25	31	21	101	19	19	12		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	178	198	182	779	196	166	159		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	92	105	86	72	355	90	55	82		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	58	45	56	63	222	59	36	46		
Over \$100,000 .....	67	59	66	49	241	44	56	64		
Totals .....	462	412	437	387	1,698	408	332	363		
<u>Ontario</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	18	18	9	58	11	15	11		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	146	139	113	106	504	116	108	104		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	51	58	47	43	199	54	50	28		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	29	30	21	118	31	37	16		
Over \$100,000 .....	45	32	31	35	143	22	22	29		
Totals .....	293	276	239	214	1,022	234	232	188		

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1966-January .....	75.7	52.7	102.9	36.2	67.5	176.0	141.9	85.9	41.0	52.9
February .....	58.3	22.7	55.3	67.1	38.3	42.0	120.0	77.5	44.5	34.5
March .....	101.3	3.0	52.2	193.5	45.5	54.4	90.2	104.2	42.8	34.9
April .....	50.5	49.0	58.6	36.8	42.8	60.8	71.7	52.1	40.7	44.0
May .....	104.8	1,190.3	72.7	125.0	71.7	17.3	84.5	32.6	39.3	110.3
June .....	89.1	21.0	91.5	74.2	31.1	39.8	142.0	48.7	65.7	55.4
July .....	83.5	37.1	78.9	83.0	178.2	56.9	134.2	97.8	45.6	49.1
August .....	61.3	58.5	63.4	55.0	41.8	129.2	138.7	71.9	56.9	26.6
September .....	53.3	22.4	48.8	50.7	197.6	45.7	109.5	78.9	29.8	37.4
October .....	52.1	17.3	49.8	62.0	48.6	29.2	121.2	44.3	42.8	41.2
November .....	69.7	98.6	69.4	55.5	39.4	550.7	117.6	61.1	67.5	33.6
December .....	192.1	46.4	63.7	478.3	95.9	112.0	289.6	51.6	40.8	20.2
1967-January .....	53.0	135.2	53.5	50.2	36.9	56.1	115.5	38.6	40.1	73.6
February .....	53.7	24.7	50.3	54.8	73.3	81.8	61.0	72.7	34.2	22.6
March .....	56.1	32.0	64.0	33.7	31.1	425.3	112.3	49.0	37.0	70.3
April .....	81.8	29.0	120.2	42.2	22.3	17.4	235.4	25.1	44.3	24.8
May .....	61.3	7.0	64.8	60.0	19.9	85.6	130.7	80.3	36.4	42.5
June .....	56.8	157.5	65.7	48.6	53.2	45.8	102.9	27.4	53.2	71.4
July .....	65.1	17.5	73.1	53.6	68.4	49.7	133.8	56.3	53.6	48.0
August .....	111.2	43.5	99.2	165.0	30.9	53.5	152.6	71.1	56.2	77.9
September .....	186.9	276.3	215.5	160.2	20.8	42.5	109.8	782.0	54.1	86.1
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1966 ....	75.1	171.1	67.8	82.1	69.3	120.9	114.6	74.6	45.2	48.9
Nine months 1967 ....	79.6	97.4	88.8	69.5	80.2	78.2	127.1	132.1	44.9	58.0

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the coverage shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1966-January .....	140	2	67	66	3	2	48	43	4	1
February .....	164	1	67	79	15	2	46	40	6	-
March .....	184	3	79	80	14	8	41	33	7	1
April .....	152	-	71	71	9	1	38	34	4	-
May .....	163	3	68	79	7	6	34	29	5	-
June .....	141	1	63	63	7	7	52	43	9	-
July .....	103	-	54	44	2	3	36	31	4	1
August .....	133	-	61	65	6	1	29	27	2	-
September .....	154	1	63	74	12	4	23	19	4	-
October .....	145	1	73	67	2	2	29	24	4	1
November .....	138	2	69	60	4	3	39	36	2	1
December .....	118	2	61	44	7	4	33	27	4	2
1967-January .....	119	2	40	65	6	6	36	30	4	2
February .....	120	1	56	51	8	4	49	39	9	1
March .....	151	-	56	78	11	6	39	35	4	-
April .....	118	1	45	69	-	3	32	24	6	2
May .....	118	3	41	62	9	3	25	18	3	4
June .....	110	2	38	59	9	2	20	17	2	1
July .....	100	1	42	46	3	8	50	40	9	1
August .....	94	1	36	44	8	5	43	30	6	7
September .....	111	1	43	54	3	10	27	23	4	-
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1966 ....	1,334	11	593	621	75	34	347	299	45	3
Nine months 1967 ....	1,041	12	397	528	57	47	321	256	47	18

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

Under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

FOURTH QUARTER 1967

During 1967 the total number of business insolvencies recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts fell off to 2,627 as compared with 3,007 in 1966, a decline of 12.6 per cent. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$202,479,000, over 18 per cent below the revised total of \$247,467,000 for the previous year. Average liability per failure thus declined from \$82,300 in 1966 to \$77,100 in 1967.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 1,056 as compared with 1,236 in 1966. Liabilities declined from \$57,482,000 to \$45,652,000. Insolvencies in the manufacturing industries declined from 323 to 272 and liabilities from \$42,121,000 to \$34,885,000. Failures in the construction industry declined from 559 to 448 but defaulted liabilities increased from \$38,902,000 to \$54,579,000 in the 1966-67 comparison. Bankruptcies in the service industries were lower but the liabilities rose from \$21,350,000 to \$26,758,000.

### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 1,698 business failures in Quebec in 1967 compared with 1,448 in 1966. Total estimated liabilities were, \$123,430,000 in 1967 as against \$112,681,000 in 1966, with average liabilities per failure increasing from \$66,400 to \$85,200. Bankruptcies in Ontario decreased from 1,022 to 893 and total estimated liabilities from \$108,631,000 to \$59,801,000 and average liabilities per failure falling off from \$106,300 to \$67,000. The number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces declined from 163 to 154 and liabilities from \$10,989,000 to \$6,629,000. In British Columbia the number of bankruptcies increased slightly but the liabilities were \$9,924,000 in 1967 as compared with \$5,847,000 in 1966.

### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures were in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in all size groups showed a decline in 1967.

### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1967 with Comparative Figures for 1966

No.		Fourth quarter									
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces		British Columbia	
		1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	13	13	15	15	9	2	1	6
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>										
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	8	9	2	2	-	-	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	11	7	8	7	2	-	1	-
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	7	5	3	2	-	-	-	1
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	4	5	5	7	2	-	-	1
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	4	7	2	6	1	1	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	39	43	23	29	5	2	1	4
	<u>Construction industries:</u>										
15	General contractors .....	1	-	34	30	9	15	3	3	1	3
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	2	46	40	22	24	6	1	2	1
17	Total construction industries .....	3	2	80	70	31	39	9	4	3	4
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	2	-	15	21	11	19	3	5	3	1
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>										
19	Food .....	1	2	32	26	13	13	4	3	1	-
20	General merchandise .....	2	1	5	3	7	4	-	-	-	-
21	Automotive products .....	1	1	42	30	26	28	6	10	3	1
22	Apparel and shoes .....	2	-	26	13	9	8	-	2	2	1
23	Hardware .....	1	1	10	11	5	7	-	2	1	-
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	26	17	7	14	1	2	1	2
25	Drugs .....	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
26	Other trades .....	-	1	27	28	21	21	3	2	2	3
27	Total trade .....	8	7	169	129	90	96	14	21	10	7
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	1	10	20	5	10	-	2	2	2
	<u>Services:</u>										
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	1	3	2	4	1	-	1	-	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	5	5	1	2	-	1	-	-
31	Business services .....	-	-	12	9	4	6	-	-	1	2
32	Personal services .....	1	-	38	26	18	14	3	5	-	1
33	Other services .....	-	-	3	4	12	8	-	-	-	3
34	Total services .....	1	1	61	46	39	31	3	7	1	6
35	Totals .....	14	11	387	342	214	239	43	43	21	30



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1967 with Comparative Figures for 1966 - Concluded

Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	
		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000	
38	36	3,128	1,532	156	136	16,743	9,889	1
1	4	8	256	18	21	3,775	2,896	2
-	1	-	50	3	10	101	2,602	3
10	11	1,376	780	49	33	5,504	3,120	4
22	14	3,402	2,322	95	63	10,159	7,428	5
10	8	476	1,474	44	35	2,881	2,441	6
11	13	4,966	2,726	31	35	7,905	5,101	7
1	2	104	208	7	6	1,406	355	8
3	2	786	45	7	6	2,049	280	9
1	2	454	631	6	7	2,623	5,367	10
2	4	951	108	9	7	2,092	851	11
-	3	-	277	9	6	622	324	12
7	14	362	1,000	45	43	3,004	4,120	13
68	78	12,885	9,877	323	272	42,121	34,885	14
48	51	3,099	4,575	219	192	22,083	38,405	15
78	68	3,495	6,434	340	256	16,819	16,174	16
126	119	6,594	11,009	559	448	38,902	54,579	17
34	46	1,919	1,540	168	186	8,442	7,936	18
51	44	2,225	1,497	190	202	9,631	7,191	19
14	8	365	162	51	43	1,858	3,081	20
78	70	3,160	2,200	321	286	12,728	11,649	21
39	24	2,074	1,465	190	126	7,495	4,749	22
17	21	2,429	1,225	71	71	8,202	6,662	23
35	36	1,530	1,312	155	125	6,805	4,742	24
4	2	196	60	14	13	886	844	25
53	55	2,758	1,990	244	190	9,877	6,734	26
291	260	14,737	9,911	1,236	1,056	57,482	45,652	27
17	35	29,806	3,688	95	121	62,427	22,780	28
7	5	350	213	29	28	1,319	3,015	29
6	8	72	988	52	28	5,581	2,736	30
17	17	621	768	52	52	2,143	4,909	31
60	46	2,088	5,305	295	239	10,797	14,410	32
15	15	372	449	42	61	1,510	1,688	33
105	91	3,503	7,723	470	408	21,350	26,758	34
679	665	72,572	45,280	3,007	2,627	247,467	202,479	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

Total industries			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries												Construction industry					
Total			Total			Total			Wood industries including furniture			Primary and fabricated metals industries			Machinery industries			Transportation equipment industries			Total		
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1966-January .....																							
253	19,144		11	248		26	3,690		5	253		1	4		-	-		1	110		49	4,208	
283	16,491		10	223		35	4,200		5	285		3	243		1	237		1	905		52	4,031	
February .....																							
287	29,087		19	1,786		25	2,254		9	437		2	248		-	-		-	-		64	6,667	
March .....																							
253	12,771		24	904		33	2,365		5	962		4	223		-	-		1	54		38	1,981	
249	26,083		15	5,750		30	2,535		10	310		2	288		1	28		-	-		44	1,433	
April .....																							
253	22,539		8	278		43	6,108		19	3,078		6	1,549		1	162		-	-		41	1,996	
May .....																							
223	18,629		10	2,843		22	2,953		9	303		2	385		1	542		-	-		47	4,598	
259	15,875		12	928		22	3,051		4	493		-	-		1	313		1	194		48	3,449	
June .....																							
268	14,276		9	655		19	2,080		7	635		-	-		1	19		-	-		50	3,945	
July .....																							
207	10,781		13	347		20	2,425		10	1,585		2	323		1	104		1	254		37	1,640	
236	16,446		11	1,887		20	2,352		7	431		3	102		-	-		1	165		38	2,320	
August .....																							
236	45,345		14	894		28	8,108		5	1,387		6	4,540		-	-		1	367		51	2,634	
September .....																							
255	13,508		14	515		29	3,348		7	648		3	573		2	39		1	75		51	1,967	
226	12,146		9	1,050		27	1,648		9	404		4	360		-	-		-	-		41	2,981	
October .....																							
249	13,977		13	445		24	2,695		7	344		-	-		-	-		-	-		46	2,255	
November .....																							
216	17,671		13	2,762		25	5,885		6	202		2	105		-	-		-	-		30	1,005	
231	14,169		11	994		19	2,484		2	545		1	184		1	11		-	-		37	2,974	
December .....																							
178	10,173		16	502		19	1,956		6	922		2	115		-	-		1	52		22	668	
January .....																							
202	13,158		9	365		14	1,873		4	200		2	88		-	-		1	9		30	1,690	
184	20,663		10	951		15	2,430		6	1,347		2	282		-	-		-	-		37	2,640	
February .....																							
221	41,733		5	773		22	2,689		2	493		6	668		1	97		1	100		35	27,389	
March .....																							
211	13,133		13	494		25	3,708		8	1,858		3	822		1	84		1	38		34	2,027	
225	16,564		7	231		27	2,493		5	311		5	1,220		1	124		-	-		34	5,067	
April .....																							
229	15,584		16	807		26	3,676		1	154		5	684		-	-		1	6		51	3,916	
May .....																							
June .....																							
July .....																							
August .....																							
September .....																							
October .....																							
November .....																							
December .....																							
Twelve months																							
1966 .....	3,007	247,467	156	16,743		323	42,121		95	10,159		31	7,905		7	1,405		7	2,049		559	38,902	
Twelve months																							
1967 .....	2,627	202,479	136	9,889		272	34,885		63	7,428		35	5,101		6	355		6	280		448	54,579	

TABLE 2: Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries				Food				Trade industries				Household furniture and appliances				Finance industries				Service industries			
	Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000				\$'000				\$'000				\$'000				\$'000				\$'000			
1966-January .....	17	1,743	99	4,055	8	118	17	512	12	363	6	2,819	45	2,381										
February .....	25	601	101	4,499	19	544	24	502	7	384	12	1,279	48	1,657										
March .....	16	886	108	4,623	13	1,330	16	450	9	177	14	11,443	41	1,429										
April .....	9	262	102	4,154	15	1,046	22	923	19	53	5	1,254	42	1,850										
May .....	11	258	98	3,851	8	426	20	542	15	781	10	7,734	41	4,523										
June .....	13	462	114	7,491	20	1,215	10	448	14	822	4	4,543	30	1,662										
July .....	11	865	93	4,237	15	484	14	1,204	15	360	7	1,513	33	1,619										
August .....	20	724	110	6,256	15	1,535	11	435	18	1,543	5	348	42	1,119										
September .....	12	722	120	3,579	26	708	17	404	11	322	15	1,687	43	1,607										
October .....	8	448	85	3,634	13	323	8	353	11	300	7	762	37	1,525										
November .....	18	736	101	6,820	17	1,018	14	1,360	13	476	3	817	45	1,514										
December .....	8	735	105	4,283	21	884	17	362	11	754	7	28,228	23	464										
1967-January .....	21	407	99	3,967	20	687	12	507	11	320	11	1,095	30	2,208										
February .....	14	329	98	3,355	15	428	13	496	14	369	10	2,173	27	609										
March .....	14	301	102	3,777	20	978	12	554	11	301	7	1,482	43	3,022										
April .....	18	1,982	80	3,544	15	276	16	360	2	32	15	1,626	35	867										
May .....	15	341	98	3,573	21	851	21	458	14	352	7	1,933	44	1,871										
June .....	15	674	72	3,829	18	1,302	8	172	8	299	6	544	28	2,001										
July .....	18	412	86	4,906	17	432	5	341	11	360	10	2,233	35	1,680										
August .....	10	995	62	3,470	10	238	5	171	8	1,080	13	7,179	37	2,997										
September .....	15	955	99	5,320	22	502	10	225	10	317	7	827	38	3,780										
October .....	9	418	86	3,578	10	437	5	854	15	619	6	471	38	2,436										
November .....	23	822	89	2,999	17	517	11	420	7	228	19	1,413	26	3,539										
December .....	14	300	85	3,334	17	543	8	191	14	465	10	1,804	27	1,748										
Twelve months 1966 .....	168	8,442	1,236	57,482	190	9,631	190	7,495	155	6,805	95	62,427	470	21,350										
Twelve months 1967 .....	186	7,936	1,056	45,652	202	7,191	126	4,749	125	4,742	121	22,780	408	26,758										

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1966-January .....	8	421	129	13,274	97	3,516	5	372	4	422
February .....	2	46	172	9,509	95	6,371	3	164	2	47
March .....	1	3	161	8,401	101	19,539	8	489	-	-
April .....	2	98	148	8,670	82	3,015	3	97	3	70
May .....	3	3,571	136	9,884	92	11,499	6	142	2	46
June .....	2	43	128	11,708	102	7,569	4	81	2	34
July .....	1	37	129	10,180	73	6,061	4	840	-	-
August .....	2	117	153	9,707	76	4,182	6	297	6	337
September .....	5	112	155	7,558	90	4,567	-	-	2	1,374
October .....	4	69	117	5,828	64	3,970	7	479	-	-
November .....	5	493	135	9,366	79	4,384	6	342	4	103
December .....	5	232	135	8,596	71	33,958	3	72	4	112
1967-January .....	5	676	129	6,896	92	4,615	6	196	2	30
February .....	6	148	132	6,644	62	3,397	6	171	6	158
March .....	3	96	147	9,410	80	2,697	2	71	4	29
April .....	5	145	114	13,698	85	3,585	5	135	1	10
May .....	1	7	132	8,557	78	4,680	3	100	4	55
June .....	2	32	86	5,715	69	3,354	8	590	2	73
July .....	2	35	118	8,631	68	3,647	5	273	-	-
August .....	1	44	122	12,289	47	7,753	3	100	3	98
September .....	7	1,934	126	27,464	73	11,698	4	77	2	49
October .....	5	245	101	5,787	81	5,869	6	312	-	-
November .....	4	3,354	120	8,102	71	4,167	7	138	5	126
December .....	2	56	121	10,237	87	4,339	4	134	3	262
Twelve months 1966 ....	40	5,242	1,698	112,681	1,022	108,631	55	3,375	29	2,545
Twelve months 1967 ....	43	6,772	1,448	123,430	893	59,801	59	2,297	32	890
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1966-January .....	4	83	6	1,056	253	19,144	35	1,631	77	9,791
February .....	1	18	8	336	283	16,491	35	2,628	80	4,749
March .....	10	329	6	326	287	29,087	38	10,683	68	3,641
April .....	10	517	5	304	253	12,771	33	1,495	60	4,338
May .....	7	889	3	52	249	26,083	39	4,774	67	4,066
June .....	8	320	7	2,784	253	22,539	34	4,429	75	9,431
July .....	6	942	10	569	223	18,629	26	2,475	67	5,910
August .....	8	201	8	1,034	259	15,875	27	1,183	64	3,736
September .....	6	207	10	457	268	14,276	34	2,294	64	3,350
October .....	7	201	8	234	207	10,781	21	1,815	52	2,781
November .....	4	106	3	1,652	236	16,446	26	2,402	66	5,729
December .....	8	1,255	10	1,120	236	45,345	28	32,541	63	3,979
1967-January .....	8	366	13	729	255	13,508	37	1,977	64	4,716
February .....	8	1,137	6	491	226	12,146	23	1,692	50	3,918
March .....	10	398	3	1,276	249	13,977	25	726	68	5,168
April .....	1	11	5	87	216	17,671	32	2,043	58	3,367
May .....	5	84	8	686	231	14,169	22	1,783	63	5,463
June .....	5	134	6	275	178	10,173	25	922	33	2,443
July .....	3	274	6	298	202	13,158	25	1,233	60	3,706
August .....	2	49	6	330	184	20,663	17	5,585	60	6,220
September .....	3	61	6	451	221	41,734	29	8,193	51	22,998
October .....	5	445	13	474	211	13,132	30	2,473	41	2,587
November .....	6	168	12	509	225	16,564	28	1,573	62	6,038
December .....	7	315	5	241	229	15,584	23	1,195	53	5,928
Twelve months 1966 ....	79	5,068	84	9,924	3,007	247,467	376	68,350	803	61,501
Twelve months 1967 ....	63	3,442	89	5,847	2,627	202,479	316	29,395	663	72,552

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1966					1967				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	3	1	2	8	2	2	-	1	5
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	30	21	14	92	27	20	12	14	73
25,000 " 50,000 ....	13	30	14	12	69	21	6	10	21	58
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	17	12	16	65	10	18	7	18	53
Over \$100,000 .....	24	26	15	24	89	20	17	22	24	83
Totals .....	86	106	63	68	323	80	63	51	78	272
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	5	11	2	23	7	4	2	3	16
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	69	64	51	63	247	67	46	46	50	209
25,000 " 50,000 ....	33	30	29	28	120	28	17	22	26	93
50,000 " 100,000 ....	28	15	28	21	92	24	14	15	19	72
Over \$100,000 .....	30	9	26	12	77	12	8	17	21	58
Totals .....	165	123	145	126	559	138	89	102	119	448
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	16	18	19	13	66	11	15	12	10	48
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	171	163	164	153	651	156	137	136	133	562
25,000 " 50,000 ....	67	75	71	61	274	63	53	53	65	234
50,000 " 100,000 ....	25	28	34	36	123	49	24	22	32	127
Over \$100,000 .....	29	30	35	28	122	20	21	24	20	85
Totals .....	308	314	323	291	1,236	299	250	247	260	1,056
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	13	12	12	49	5	9	6	11	31
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	68	54	59	58	239	49	51	53	44	197
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	23	19	14	78	25	22	18	13	78
50,000 " 100,000 ....	20	7	16	10	53	8	16	13	8	45
Over \$100,000 .....	12	16	12	11	51	13	9	20	15	57
Totals .....	134	113	118	105	470	100	107	110	91	408
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	38	43	51	30	162	31	35	23	28	117
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	400	348	339	324	1,411	353	304	285	286	1,228
25,000 " 50,000 ....	158	185	153	137	633	158	121	123	157	559
50,000 " 100,000 ....	106	80	97	93	376	108	84	70	95	357
Over \$100,000 .....	121	99	110	95	425	80	81	106	99	366
Totals .....	823	755	750	679	3,007	730	625	607	665	2,627
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	24	25	31	21	101	19	19	11	13	62
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	221	178	198	182	779	196	165	160	149	670
25,000 " 50,000 ....	92	105	86	72	355	90	55	82	69	296
50,000 " 100,000 ....	58	45	56	63	222	59	37	46	56	198
Over \$100,000 .....	67	59	66	49	241	44	56	67	55	222
Totals .....	462	412	437	387	1,698	408	332	366	342	1,448
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	18	18	9	58	11	15	11	14	51
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	146	139	113	106	504	116	108	104	101	429
25,000 " 50,000 ....	51	58	47	43	199	54	50	28	63	195
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	29	30	21	118	31	37	16	29	113
Over \$100,000 .....	45	32	31	35	143	22	22	29	32	105
Totals .....	293	276	239	214	1,022	234	232	188	239	893



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1966-January .....	75.7	52.7	102.9	36.2	67.5	176.0	141.9	85.9	41.0	52.9
February .....	58.3	22.7	55.3	67.1	38.3	42.0	120.0	77.5	44.5	34.5
March .....	101.3	3.0	52.2	193.5	45.5	54.4	90.2	104.2	42.8	34.9
April .....	50.5	49.0	58.6	36.8	42.8	60.8	71.7	52.1	40.7	44.0
May .....	104.8	1,190.3	72.7	125.0	71.7	17.3	84.5	32.6	39.3	110.3
June .....	89.1	21.0	91.5	74.2	31.1	39.8	142.0	48.7	65.7	55.4
July .....	83.5	37.1	78.9	83.0	178.2	56.9	134.2	97.8	45.6	49.1
August .....	61.3	58.5	63.4	55.0	41.8	129.2	138.7	71.9	56.9	26.6
September .....	53.3	22.4	48.8	50.7	197.6	45.7	109.5	78.9	29.8	37.4
October .....	52.1	17.3	49.8	62.0	48.6	29.2	121.2	44.3	42.8	41.2
November .....	69.7	98.6	69.4	55.5	39.4	550.7	117.6	61.1	67.5	33.6
December .....	192.1	46.4	63.7	478.3	95.9	112.0	289.6	51.6	40.8	20.2
1967-January .....	53.0	135.2	53.5	50.2	36.9	56.1	115.5	38.6	40.1	73.6
February .....	53.7	24.7	50.3	54.8	73.3	81.8	61.0	72.7	34.2	22.6
March .....	56.1	32.0	64.0	33.7	31.1	425.3	112.3	49.0	37.0	70.3
April .....	81.8	29.0	120.2	42.2	22.3	17.4	235.4	25.1	44.3	24.8
May .....	61.3	7.0	64.8	60.0	19.9	85.6	130.7	80.3	36.4	42.5
June .....	57.2	157.5	66.5	48.6	53.2	45.8	102.9	30.4	53.2	71.4
July .....	65.1	17.5	73.1	53.6	68.4	49.7	133.8	56.3	53.6	48.0
August .....	112.3	43.5	100.7	165.0	30.9	55.0	152.0	71.1	56.0	81.0
September .....	184.3	276.3	218.0	160.2	20.8	42.5	122.2	782.5	53.7	99.5
October .....	62.2	49.0	57.3	72.5	68.8	36.5	148.3	59.6	41.6	64.1
November .....	73.6	838.5	67.5	58.7	24.0	42.4	92.3	149.0	33.7	136.1
December .....	68.1	28.0	84.6	49.9	50.7	48.2	141.4	76.8	39.2	64.7
Twelve months 1966 ..	82.3	131.0	66.4	106.3	67.4	118.1	130.4	69.6	46.5	45.4
Twelve months 1967 ..	77.1	157.5	85.2	67.0	43.0	65.7	128.3	121.8	43.2	65.6

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the coverage shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1966-January .....	140	2	67	66	3	2	48	43	4	1
February .....	164	1	67	79	15	2	46	40	6	-
March .....	184	3	79	80	14	8	41	33	7	1
April .....	152	-	71	71	9	1	38	34	4	-
May .....	163	3	68	79	7	6	34	29	5	-
June .....	141	1	63	63	7	7	52	43	9	-
July .....	103	-	54	44	2	3	36	31	4	1
August .....	133	-	61	65	6	1	29	27	2	-
September .....	154	1	63	74	12	4	23	19	4	-
October .....	145	1	73	67	2	2	29	24	4	1
November .....	138	2	69	60	4	3	39	36	2	1
December .....	118	2	61	44	7	4	33	27	4	2
1967-January .....	119	2	40	65	6	6	36	30	4	2
February .....	120	1	56	51	8	4	49	39	9	1
March .....	151	-	56	78	11	6	39	35	4	-
April .....	118	1	45	69	-	3	32	24	6	2
May .....	118	3	41	62	9	3	25	18	3	4
June .....	111	2	39	59	9	2	20	17	2	1
July .....	102	2	42	46	3	9	50	40	9	1
August .....	94	1	36	44	8	5	43	30	6	7
September .....	110	1	42	54	3	10	27	23	4	-
October .....	127	-	42	71	9	5	35	26	7	2
November .....	130	3	51	58	10	8	32	22	5	5
December .....	91	-	40	37	11	3	32	23	6	3
Twelve months 1966 ..	1,735	16	796	792	88	43	448	386	55	7
Twelve months 1967 ..	1,391	16	530	694	87	64	420	327	65	28

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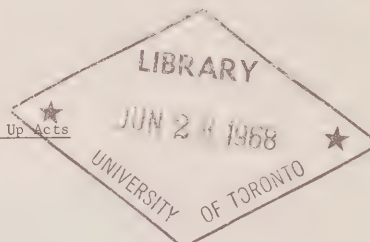


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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

FIRST QUARTER 1968



During the first quarter of 1968 the total number of business failures recorded under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 711 compared with 730 for the first quarter of 1967. The estimated total of liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$55,379,000 in comparison with \$39,631,000 for the same period last year.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade industry with 289 failures compared with 299 for the first quarter 1967. Liabilities increased from \$11,099,000 to \$23,485,000. In the manufacturing sector the number of insolvencies increased from 80 to 85 and the liabilities from \$7,692,000 to \$8,265,000. There were fewer bankruptcies in the construction industry and defaulted liabilities declined from \$7,204,000 to \$6,278,000 in the 1967-68 comparison. In the financial industry the number of failures increased from 28 to 34 and the liabilities from \$4,750,000 to \$6,731,000. The number of insolvent firms in the service industry was lower and the liabilities declined from \$5,839,000 to \$3,684,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 343 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the first quarter of 1968 compared with 408 for the same period of 1967. Estimated liabilities of these firms decreased from \$22,950,000 to \$21,440,000. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 234 to 279 and the liabilities from \$10,709,000 to \$27,582,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of bankruptcies decreased from 50 to 47 but the liabilities increased from \$2,556,000 to \$2,940,000. In British Columbia the number of business failures increased from 22 to 28 but the liabilities were lower.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures occurred in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 group showed an increase. Insolvencies in the \$100,000 and over range group remained the same in the 1967-68 comparison.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

First Quarter 1968 with Comparative Figures for 1967

No.		First Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	2	-	14	15	14	18
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	4	3	2	2
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	2
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	8	9	2	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	10	9	11	8
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	13	11	3	6
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	4	4	3	8
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	2	-	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	7	3	3	4
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	48	42	27	33
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	4	1	36	19	14	15
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	2	41	44	23	19
17	Total construction industries .....	5	3	77	63	37	34
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	1	22	21	14	27
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	3	1	33	37	15	21
20	General merchandise .....	-	1	5	3	4	6
21	Automotive products .....	1	1	46	24	31	27
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	1	25	22	10	11
23	Hardware .....	-	-	11	13	6	10
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	2	21	20	13	11
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	1	1	3
26	Other trades .....	1	1	28	17	19	24
27	Total trade .....	5	7	170	137	99	113
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	2	17	19	8	10
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	7	3	-	4
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	3	3	1	2
31	Business services .....	-	-	5	9	4	6
32	Personal services .....	1	-	37	29	21	24
33	Other services .....	1	1	8	2	9	8
34	Total services .....	2	1	60	46	35	44
35	Totals .....	14	14	408	343	234	279

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter 1968 with Comparative Figures for 1967 - Concluded

First quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967 \$'000	1968 \$'000	
4	7	2	1	36	41	2,010	2,691	1
-	1	1	-	7	6	1,656	201	2
-	1	-	-	1	3	259	402	3
-	-	-	-	10	9	1,061	735	4
1	1	1	1	23	19	1,397	1,618	5
-	1	1	-	17	18	576	445	6
-	2	-	1	7	15	933	2,792	7
-	-	-	-	2	-	39	-	8
1	-	-	1	1	4	75	1,197	9
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	55	11
-	1	-	-	2	2	26	39	12
-	-	-	-	10	7	1,670	781	13
2	7	3	3	80	85	7,692	8,265	14
7	6	2	4	63	45	4,951	2,787	15
6	1	4	4	75	70	2,253	3,491	16
13	7	6	8	138	115	7,204	6,278	17
12	3	1	2	49	54	1,037	4,245	18
3	2	1	1	55	62	2,093	2,625	19
1	-	-	-	10	10	359	379	20
5	8	1	1	84	61	3,209	1,196	21
2	3	-	4	37	41	1,556	1,084	22
1	1	-	5	18	29	669	1,875	23
1	4	1	-	36	37	991	3,477	24
-	-	-	-	2	4	95	167	25
5	2	4	1	57	45	2,127	12,682	26
18	20	7	12	299	289	11,099	23,485	27
1	2	2	1	28	34	4,750	6,731	28
-	-	-	-	7	7	359	276	29
1	-	1	-	6	5	1,284	92	30
-	-	-	-	9	15	1,471	851	31
1	1	-	1	60	55	1,962	2,246	32
-	-	-	-	18	11	763	219	33
2	1	1	1	100	93	5,839	3,684	34
52	47	22	28	730	711	39,631	55,379	35





TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Food	Number	Liab.	Apparel and shoes	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1967-January .....	21	407		99	3,967		20	687		12	507		11	321	
February .....	14	329		98	3,355		15	428		13	496		10	369	
March .....	14	301		102	3,777		20	978		12	553		7	301	
April .....	18	1,982		80	3,544		15	276		16	360		2	32	
May .....	15	341		98	3,573		21	851		21	438		7	352	
June .....	15	674		72	3,829		18	1,302		8	172		6	299	
July .....	18	412		86	4,906		17	432		5	341		11	360	
August .....	10	995		62	3,470		10	238		5	171		8	1,080	
September .....	15	955		99	5,320		22	502		10	225		7	317	
October .....	9	418		86	3,578		10	437		5	854		6	619	
November .....	23	822		89	2,999		17	517		11	420		19	228	
December .....	14	300		84	3,362		17	543		8	253		11	465	
1968-January .....	10	379		80	9,802		14	532		17	504		6	572	
February .....	22	852		103	5,739		21	1,026		14	367		10	2,299	
March .....	22	3,014		106	7,944		27	1,067		10	213		12	606	
April .....															
May .....															
June .....															
July .....															
August .....															
September .....															
October .....															
November .....															
December .....															
Three months 1967 .....	49	1,037		299	11,099		55	2,093		37	1,556		36	991	
													28	4,750	
													12	1,056	
													10	3,005	
													12	2,670	
Three months 1968 .....	54	4,245		289	23,485		62	2,625		41	1,084		37	3,477	
													34	6,731	
													93	3,684	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1967-January .....	5	676	129	6,896	92	4,615	6	196	2	30
February .....	6	148	132	6,644	62	3,397	6	171	6	158
March .....	3	96	147	9,410	80	2,697	2	71	4	29
April .....	5	145	114	13,698	85	3,585	5	135	1	10
May .....	1	7	132	8,557	78	4,680	3	100	4	55
June .....	2	32	86	5,715	69	3,354	8	590	5	566
July .....	2	35	118	8,631	68	3,647	5	273	-	-
August .....	1	44	121	12,278	47	7,753	3	100	3	98
September .....	7	1,934	126	27,464	73	11,698	4	77	2	49
October .....	5	245	101	5,787	81	5,869	6	312	-	-
November .....	4	3,354	120	8,111	71	4,167	7	138	5	126
December .....	2	56	120	10,266	87	4,960	5	14,293	3	262
1968-January .....	8	1,037	109	5,412	73	8,937	5	283	2	21
February .....	3	46	110	9,842	100	4,907	9	805	3	225
March .....	3	85	124	6,186	106	13,738	6	629	3	106
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1967 .....	14	920	408	22,950	234	10,709	14	438	12	217
Three months 1968 .....	14	1,168	343	21,440	279	27,582	20	1,717	8	352
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1967-January .....	8	366	13	729	255	13,508	37	1,977	64	4,716
February .....	8	1,137	6	491	226	12,146	23	1,692	50	3,918
March .....	10	398	3	1,276	249	13,977	25	726	68	5,168
April .....	1	11	5	87	216	17,671	32	2,043	58	3,367
May .....	5	84	8	686	231	14,169	22	1,783	63	5,463
June .....	6	197	6	275	182	10,729	25	922	33	2,443
July .....	3	274	6	298	202	13,158	25	1,233	60	3,706
August .....	2	49	6	330	183	20,652	17	5,585	60	6,220
September .....	3	61	6	451	221	41,734	29	8,193	51	22,998
October .....	5	445	13	474	211	13,132	30	2,473	41	2,587
November .....	6	168	13	731	226	16,795	28	1,573	62	6,038
December .....	7	315	5	241	229	30,392	23	1,816	53	5,990
1968-January .....	5	234	10	472	212	16,396	31	6,734	59	2,750
February .....	9	352	12	1,151	246	17,328	47	3,088	50	5,165
March .....	5	285	6	626	253	21,655	42	10,770	61	3,316
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1967 .....	26	1,901	22	2,496	730	39,631	85	4,395	182	13,802
Three months 1968 .....	19	871	28	2,249	711	55,379	120	20,592	170	11,231

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1967					1968				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total -	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	-	1	5	2				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	20	11	14	72	27				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	21	6	10	21	58	29				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	18	7	18	53	12				
Over \$100,000 .....	20	17	22	24	83	15				
Totals .....	80	63	50	78	271	85				
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	7	4	2	3	16	2				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	67	46	46	50	209	56				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	28	17	22	27	94	25				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	24	15	15	19	73	16				
Over \$100,000 .....	12	9	17	21	59	16				
Totals .....	138	91	102	120	451	115				
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	15	12	10	48	15				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	156	137	136	133	562	152				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	53	53	64	233	53				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	49	24	22	32	127	46				
Over \$100,000 .....	20	21	24	20	85	23				
Totals .....	299	250	247	259	1,055	289				
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	9	6	11	31	6				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	49	51	53	44	197	46				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	22	18	13	78	23				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	16	13	8	45	9				
Over \$100,000 .....	13	9	20	15	57	9				
Totals .....	100	107	110	91	408	93				
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	31	35	23	28	117	29				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	353	304	284	286	1,227	336				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	158	121	123	156	558	167				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	108	85	70	95	358	99				
Over \$100,000 .....	80	84	106	101	371	80				
Totals .....	730	629	606	666	2,631	711				
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	19	11	13	62	17				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	196	165	159	149	669	150				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	90	55	82	68	295	93				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	59	37	46	56	198	44				
Over \$100,000 .....	44	56	67	55	222	39				
Totals .....	408	332	365	341	1,446	343				
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	15	11	14	51	12				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	116	108	104	101	429	146				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	54	50	28	62	194	59				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	31	37	16	29	113	37				
Over \$100,000 .....	22	22	29	33	106	25				
Totals .....	234	232	188	239	893	279				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1967-January .....	53.0	135.2	53.5	50.2	36.9	56.1	115.5	38.6	40.1	73.6
February .....	53.7	24.7	50.3	54.8	73.3	81.8	61.0	72.7	34.2	22.6
March .....	56.1	32.0	64.0	33.7	31.1	425.3	112.3	49.0	37.0	70.3
April .....	81.8	29.0	120.2	42.2	22.3	17.4	235.4	25.1	44.3	24.8
May .....	61.3	7.0	64.8	60.0	19.9	85.6	130.7	80.3	36.4	42.5
June .....	59.2	157.5	66.5	48.6	53.2	44.7	102.9	38.4	53.2	71.4
July .....	65.1	17.5	73.1	53.6	68.4	49.7	133.8	56.3	53.6	48.0
August .....	112.9	43.5	101.5	165.0	30.9	55.0	172.9	71.1	56.0	81.0
September .....	184.3	276.3	218.0	160.2	20.8	42.5	122.2	782.5	53.7	99.5
October .....	62.2	49.0	57.3	72.5	68.8	36.5	148.3	59.6	41.6	64.1
November .....	74.3	838.5	67.5	58.7	24.0	56.2	92.3	145.3	33.7	136.1
December .....	132.7	28.0	85.6	57.0	991.3	48.2	141.4	76.8	40.0	64.7
1968-January .....	77.3	129.6	49.7	122.4	44.8	47.2	45.6	36.6	122.5	42.6
February .....	70.4	15.3	89.5	49.1	65.8	95.9	109.9	60.4	55.7	43.4
March .....	85.6	28.3	49.9	129.6	72.9	104.3	131.1	64.9	74.9	32.2
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1967 ...	54.3	65.7	56.2	45.7	49.1	113.5	96.2	52.2	37.1	58.4
Three months 1968 ...	77.9	83.4	62.5	98.9	62.6	80.3	97.2	54.6	81.3	39.6

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the coverage shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1967-January .....	119	2	40	65	6	6	36	30	4	2
February .....	120	1	56	51	8	4	49	39	9	1
March .....	151	-	56	78	11	6	39	35	4	-
April .....	118	1	45	69	-	3	32	24	6	2
May .....	118	3	41	62	9	3	25	18	3	4
June .....	111	2	39	59	9	2	20	17	2	1
July .....	102	2	42	46	3	9	50	40	9	1
August .....	94	1	36	44	8	5	43	30	6	7
September .....	109	1	41	54	3	10	27	23	4	-
October .....	127	-	42	71	9	5	35	26	7	2
November .....	130	3	51	58	10	8	32	22	5	5
December .....	92	-	39	37	11	3	32	23	6	3
1968-January .....	97	2	37	43	8	7	41	35	6	-
February .....	143	2	44	80	10	7	37	24	7	6
March .....	111	2	37	57	14	1	32	23	4	5
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1967 ...	390	3	152	194	25	16	124	104	17	3
Three months 1968 ...	351	6	118	180	32	15	110	82	17	11

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

Second Quarter 1968

According to preliminary figures, the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 614 during the second quarter of 1968, a slight decrease in comparison with the 629 insolvencies recorded for the second quarter of 1967. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities increased from \$42,569,000 to \$44,054,000 and average liabilities per failure increased from \$60,500 to \$74,800.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, bankruptcies of trading establishments accounted for the largest number of failures during the second quarter of 1968. There were 244 bankruptcies in the trade industry as compared with 250 for the same period of 1967. Insolvencies in automotive products increased from 59 to 70 and miscellaneous products from 35 to 53. Failures in the construction industry increased from 91 to 118 and in the manufacturing industry from 63 to 66. The number of insolvencies in the services field increased from 107 to 112. Bankruptcies in the primary, transportation and finance industries were lower. Liabilities in all but the construction and services categories were lower in value.

#### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

During the second quarter of 1968 the number of business failures in Quebec was 228 compared with 332 for the second quarter of 1967. Estimated liabilities declined from \$27,970,000 to \$19,709,000. The number of bankruptcies in Ontario declined slightly and the liabilities increased from \$11,618,000 to \$14,917,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvencies increased from 38 to 49 and the liabilities from \$1,750,000 to \$6,046,000. In British Columbia the number of business failures declined slightly but the liabilities increased from \$1,048,000 to \$3,132,000.

#### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that over 50 percent of all failures during the second quarter involved relatively small businesses with liabilities of less than \$25,000. Failures in all size groups showed a decline in the second quarter comparison.

#### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter 1968 with Comparative Figures for 1967

No.		Second Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	20	8	13	2
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	3	1	4	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	2	2	2	3
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	5	8	2	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	8	6	6	6
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	5	7	2	2
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	1	6	4	10
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	2
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	7	3	5	2
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	35	34	27	27
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	-	1	16	25	13	17
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	-	25	32	24	26
17	Total construction industries .....	2	1	41	57	37	43
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	2	19	15	23	17
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	2	32	26	17	13
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	3	5	8	7
21	Automotive products .....	2	1	32	22	22	33
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	1	24	12	16	8
23	Hardware .....	1	-	2	10	8	3
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	12	5	9	9
25	Drugs .....	-	-	4	-	1	3
26	Other trades .....	1	-	22	22	10	21
27	Total trade .....	5	5	131	102	91	97
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	19	8	7	7
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	7	5	-	2
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	3	6	4	2
31	Business services .....	-	-	6	9	5	8
32	Personal services .....	1	2	43	45	20	21
33	Other services .....	-	-	8	4	5	2
34	Total services .....	1	2	67	69	34	35
35	Totals .....	8	10	332	293	232	228

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter 1968 with Comparative Figures for 1967 - Concluded

Second Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	196/ \$'000	1968 \$'000	
3	7	6	3	42	20	4,561	2,725	1
-	-	-	-	7	1	641	72	2
-	-	-	-	4	5	1,193	423	3
-	-	-	-	7	9	865	345	4
-	2	-	-	14	14	1,669	1,888	5
-	-	-	1	7	10	131	1,015	6
-	-	-	-	5	16	403	4,523	7
-	-	-	-	1	-	11	-	8
-	-	-	2	1	3	52	954	9
-	-	-	-	2	-	4,098	-	10
-	-	-	-	2	2	459	586	11
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	19	12
-	-	1	-	13	5	802	465	13
-	2	1	3	63	66	10,324	10,290	14
2	2	-	5	31	50	2,225	3,395	15
6	5	3	5	60	68	2,675	3,036	16
8	7	3	10	91	118	4,900	6,431	17
5	3	1	1	48	38	2,997	802	18
2	2	2	2	54	45	2,429	1,545	19
1	-	1	-	13	12	954	270	20
3	11	-	3	59	70	3,426	1,602	21
5	1	-	1	45	23	991	534	22
3	-	1	4	15	17	1,281	1,055	23
2	2	1	3	24	20	683	995	24
-	1	-	-	5	4	142	220	25
1	6	1	4	35	53	1,041	2,374	26
17	23	6	17	250	244	10,947	8,595	27
2	1	-	-	28	16	4,102	3,138	28
-	-	-	-	7	7	674	239	29
-	1	-	-	7	9	209	5,307	30
-	2	-	-	11	19	844	3,203	31
3	2	2	-	69	70	2,777	2,904	32
-	1	-	-	13	7	234	420	33
3	6	2	-	107	112	4,738	12,073	34
38	49	19	34	629	614	42,569	44,054	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

Total industries			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries						Construction industry												
Total			Total			Total			Wood industries including furniture			Primary and fabricated metals industries			Machinery industries			Transportation equipment industries			Total			
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		
\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			
1967-January .....																								
255	13,508		14	515		29	3,349		7	649		3	573		2	39		1	75		51	1,967		
226	12,146		9	1,050		27	1,648		9	404		4	360		-	-		-	-		41	2,981		
249	13,977		13	445		24	2,695		7	344		-	-		-	-		-	-		46	2,255		
February .....																								
216	17,671		13	2,762		25	5,885		6	202		2	105		-	-		-	-		30	1,005		
231	14,169		11	994		19	2,483		2	545		1	184		1	11		-	-		37	2,974		
182	10,729		18	805		19	1,956		6	922		2	115		-	-		1	52		24	921		
March .....																								
202	13,158		9	365		14	1,873		4	200		2	88		-	-		1	9		30	1,690		
183	20,652		10	951		14	2,420		6	1,347		2	282		-	-		-	-		37	2,640		
221	41,733		5	773		22	2,689		2	493		6	668		1	97		1	100		35	27,389		
April .....																								
211	13,133		13	494		25	3,708		8	1,858		3	822		1	84		1	38		34	2,027		
226	16,795		7	231		27	2,493		5	311		5	1,220		1	124		-	-		35	5,084		
229	30,392		16	807		26	3,676		1	154		5	684		-	-		1	6		51	3,916		
May .....																								
210	16,522		7	2,114		25	6,539		5	813		8	4,277		-	-		1	810		33	2,377		
229	15,886		5	308		21	1,438		4	76		3	96		-	-		2	144		51	2,585		
175	11,645		8	303		20	2,312		5	999		5	149		-	-		-	-		34	1,469		
June .....																								
210	16,522		7	2,114		25	6,539		5	813		8	4,277		-	-		1	810		33	2,377		
229	15,886		5	308		21	1,438		4	76		3	96		-	-		2	144		51	2,585		
175	11,645		8	303		20	2,312		5	999		5	149		-	-		-	-		34	1,469		
July .....																								
210	16,522		7	2,114		25	6,539		5	813		8	4,277		-	-		1	810		33	2,377		
229	15,886		5	308		21	1,438		4	76		3	96		-	-		2	144		51	2,585		
175	11,645		8	303		20	2,312		5	999		5	149		-	-		-	-		34	1,469		
August .....																								
210	16,522		7	2,114		25	6,539		5	813		8	4,277		-	-		1	810		33	2,377		
229	15,886		5	308		21	1,438		4	76		3	96		-	-		2	144		51	2,585		
175	11,645		8	303		20	2,312		5	999		5	149		-	-		-	-		34	1,469		
September .....																								
210	16,522		7	2,114		25	6,539		5	813		8	4,277		-	-		1	810		33	2,377		
229	15,886		5	308		21	1,438		4	76		3	96		-	-		2	144		51	2,585		
175	11,645		8	303		20	2,312		5	999		5	149		-	-		-	-		34	1,469		
October .....																								
210	16,522		7	2,114		25	6,539		5	813		8	4,277		-	-		1	810		33	2,377		
229	15,886		5	308		21	1,438		4	76		3	96		-	-		2	144		51	2,585		
175	11,645		8	303		20	2,312		5	999		5	149		-	-		-	-		34	1,469		
November .....																								
210	16,522		7	2,114		25	6,539		5	813		8	4,277		-	-		1	810		33	2,377		
229	15,886		5	308		21	1,438		4	76		3	96		-	-		2	144		51	2,585		
175	11,645		8	303		20	2,312		5	999		5	149		-	-		-	-		34	1,469		
December .....																								
210	16,522		7	2,114		25	6,539		5	813		8	4,277		-	-		1	810		33	2,377		
229	15,886		5	308		21	1,438		4	76		3	96		-	-		2	144		51	2,585		
175	11,645		8	303		20	2,312		5	999		5	149		-	-		-	-		34	1,469		
Six months																								
1967 .....	1,359	82,200	78	6,571		143	18,016		37	3,066		12	1,337		3	50		2	127		229	12,103		
Six months																								
1968 .....	1,333	99,691	61	5,416		151	18,554		33	3,506		31	7,314		-	-		7	2,151		235	12,758		

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Food			Apparel and shoes			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total			Total			Total			Total			Total			Total		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
		\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000	
1967-January .....	21	407		99	3,967		20	687		11	321		11	1,095		30	2,208	
February .....	14	329		98	3,356		15	428		14	369		10	2,173		27	609	
March .....	14	301		102	3,777		20	978		11	301		7	1,482		43	3,022	
April .....	18	1,982		80	3,544		15	276		2	32		15	1,626		35	867	
May .....	15	341		98	3,573		21	851		14	352		7	1,933		44	1,871	
June .....	15	674		72	3,829		18	1,302		8	299		6	544		28	2,000	
July .....	18	412		86	4,906		17	432		11	360		10	2,233		35	1,680	
August .....	10	995		62	3,670		10	238		8	1,080		13	7,179		37	2,997	
September .....	15	955		99	5,320		22	502		10	317		7	827		38	3,780	
October .....	9	418		86	3,578		10	437		5	619		6	471		38	2,436	
November .....	23	822		89	2,999		17	517		11	228		19	1,619		26	3,539	
December .....	14	300		84	3,362		17	543		8	465		11	16,584		27	1,748	
1968-January .....	10	379		80	9,803		14	531		17	504		12	1,056		34	1,448	
February .....	22	852		105	5,838		21	1,026		14	367		10	3,005		30	1,303	
March .....	23	3,049		109	8,030		27	1,067		10	213		12	2,670		29	933	
April .....	12	309		90	3,394		11	231		9	201		5	303		38	1,486	
May .....	15	179		86	2,469		17	447		7	194		8	2,272		43	6,635	
June .....	11	314		68	2,731		17	868		7	139		3	563		31	3,953	
July .....																		
August .....																		
September .....																		
October .....																		
November .....																		
December .....																		
Six months 1967 .....	97	4,034		549	22,046		109	4,522		82	2,546		60	1,674		56	8,853	
																207	10,577	
Six months 1968 .....	93	5,082		538	32,255		107	4,170		64	1,618		50	9,869		205	15,758	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1967-January .....	5	676	129	6,896	92	4,615	6	196	2	30
February .....	6	148	132	6,644	62	3,397	6	171	6	158
March .....	3	96	147	9,410	80	2,697	2	71	4	29
April .....	5	145	114	13,698	85	3,585	5	135	1	10
May .....	1	7	132	8,557	78	4,680	3	100	4	55
June .....	2	32	86	5,715	69	3,354	8	590	5	566
July .....	2	35	118	8,631	68	3,647	5	273	-	-
August .....	1	44	121	12,278	47	7,753	3	100	3	98
September .....	7	1,934	126	27,464	73	11,698	4	77	2	49
October .....	5	245	101	5,787	81	5,869	6	312	-	-
November .....	4	3,354	120	8,111	71	4,167	7	138	5	126
December .....	2	56	120	10,266	87	4,960	5	14,293	3	262
1968-January .....	8	1,037	109	5,412	73	8,937	5	283	2	21
February .....	4	53	112	9,940	100	4,906	9	805	3	225
March .....	7	225	125	6,201	106	13,738	6	629	3	106
April .....	3	104	100	4,546	79	8,272	6	570	4	214
May .....	3	74	117	11,752	84	3,001	5	186	5	180
June .....	4	71	76	3,411	65	3,644	9	294	2	35
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1967 .....	22	1,104	740	50,920	466	22,328	30	1,263	22	848
Six months 1968 .....	29	1,564	639	41,262	507	42,498	40	2,767	19	781
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1967-January .....	8	366	13	729	255	13,508	37	1,977	64	4,716
February .....	8	1,137	6	491	226	12,146	23	1,692	50	3,918
March .....	10	398	3	1,276	249	13,977	25	726	68	5,168
April .....	1	11	5	87	216	17,671	32	2,043	58	3,367
May .....	5	84	8	686	231	14,169	22	1,783	63	5,463
June .....	6	197	6	275	182	10,729	25	922	33	2,443
July .....	3	274	6	298	202	13,158	25	1,233	60	3,706
August .....	2	49	6	330	183	20,652	17	5,585	60	6,220
September .....	3	61	6	451	221	41,734	29	8,193	51	22,998
October .....	5	445	13	474	211	13,132	30	2,473	41	2,587
November .....	6	168	13	731	226	16,795	28	1,573	62	6,038
December .....	7	315	5	241	229	30,392	23	1,816	53	5,990
1968-January .....	5	234	10	472	212	16,396	31	6,734	59	2,750
February .....	9	352	12	1,151	249	17,432	47	3,088	52	5,262
March .....	5	285	6	626	258	21,810	42	10,770	62	3,331
April .....	8	1,626	10	1,190	210	16,522	26	4,949	48	1,961
May .....	2	40	13	653	229	15,886	25	803	62	9,388
June .....	8	2,901	11	1,289	175	11,645	19	1,164	43	2,093
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1967 .....	38	2,193	41	3,544	1,359	82,200	164	9,143	336	25,075
Six months 1968 .....	37	5,438	62	5,381	1,333	99,691	190	27,508	326	24,785



TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1967					1968				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	-	1	5	2	2			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	20	11	14	72	27	26			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	21	6	10	21	58	29	15			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	18	7	18	53	12	9			
Over \$100,000 .....	20	17	22	24	83	15	14			
Totals .....	80	63	50	78	271	85	66			
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	7	4	2	3	16	2	4			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	67	46	46	50	209	57	58			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	28	17	22	27	94	26	20			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	24	15	15	19	73	16	23			
Over \$100,000 .....	12	9	17	21	59	16	13			
Totals .....	138	91	102	120	451	117	118			
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	15	12	10	48	15	10			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	156	137	136	133	562	154	149			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	53	53	64	233	55	46			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	49	24	22	32	127	47	23			
Over \$100,000 .....	20	21	24	20	85	23	16			
Totals .....	299	250	247	259	1,055	294	244			
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	9	6	11	31	6	5			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	49	51	53	44	197	46	59			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	22	18	13	78	23	27			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	16	13	8	45	9	9			
Over \$100,000 .....	13	9	20	15	57	9	12			
Totals .....	100	107	110	91	408	93	112			
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	31	35	23	28	117	29	23			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	353	304	284	286	1,227	339	333			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	158	121	123	156	558	171	117			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	108	85	70	95	358	100	71			
Over \$100,000 .....	80	84	106	101	371	80	70			
Totals .....	730	629	606	666	2,631	719	614			
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	19	11	13	62	17	12			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	196	165	159	149	669	152	157			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	90	55	82	68	295	93	54			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	59	37	46	56	198	45	37			
Over \$100,000 .....	44	56	67	55	222	39	33			
Totals .....	408	332	365	341	1,446	346	293			
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	15	11	14	51	12	11			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	116	108	104	101	429	146	127			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	54	50	28	62	194	59	43			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	31	37	16	29	113	37	22			
Over \$100,000 .....	22	22	29	33	106	25	25			
Totals .....	234	232	188	239	893	279	228			

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
thousands of dollars										
1967-January .....	53.0	135.2	53.5	50.2	36.9	56.1	115.5	38.6	40.1	73.6
February .....	53.7	24.7	50.3	54.8	73.3	81.8	61.0	72.7	34.2	22.6
March .....	56.1	32.0	64.0	33.7	31.1	425.3	112.3	49.0	37.0	70.3
April .....	81.8	29.0	120.2	42.2	22.3	17.4	235.4	25.1	44.3	24.8
May .....	61.3	7.0	64.8	60.0	19.9	85.6	130.7	80.3	36.4	42.5
June .....	59.2	157.5	66.5	48.6	53.2	44.7	102.9	38.4	53.2	71.4
July .....	65.1	17.5	73.1	53.6	68.4	49.7	133.8	56.3	53.6	48.0
August .....	112.9	43.5	101.5	165.0	30.9	55.0	172.9	71.1	56.0	81.0
September .....	184.3	276.3	218.0	160.2	20.8	42.5	782.5	53.7	53.7	99.5
October .....	62.2	49.0	57.3	72.5	68.8	36.5	148.3	59.6	41.6	64.1
November .....	74.3	838.5	67.5	58.7	24.0	56.2	92.3	145.3	33.7	136.1
December .....	132.7	28.0	85.6	57.0	991.3	48.2	141.4	76.8	40.0	64.7
1968-January .....	77.3	129.6	49.7	122.4	44.8	47.2	45.6	36.6	122.5	42.6
February .....	70.0	13.1	88.8	49.1	65.8	95.9	109.9	60.0	55.5	43.4
March .....	84.5	32.1	49.6	129.6	72.9	104.3	131.1	64.3	73.7	32.2
April .....	78.7	34.7	45.5	104.7	133.9	119.0	261.6	72.0	37.7	39.1
May .....	69.4	24.3	100.4	35.7	33.8	50.2	68.5	50.7	28.7	154.3
June .....	66.5	17.8	44.9	56.1	170.0	117.2	115.6	43.2	40.2	127.5
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1967 .....	60.5	50.2	68.8	47.9	47.8	86.4	126.0	52.9	40.2	51.1
Six months 1968 .....	74.8	53.9	64.6	83.8	93.6	86.8	122.9	54.3	60.0	76.9

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1967-January .....	119	2	40	65	6	6	36	30	4	2
February .....	120	1	56	51	8	4	49	39	9	1
March .....	151	-	56	78	11	6	39	35	4	-
April .....	118	1	45	69	-	3	32	24	6	2
May .....	118	3	41	62	9	3	25	18	3	4
June .....	111	2	39	59	9	2	20	17	2	1
July .....	102	2	42	46	3	9	50	40	9	1
August .....	94	1	36	44	8	5	43	30	6	7
September .....	109	1	41	54	3	10	27	23	4	-
October .....	127	-	42	71	9	5	35	26	7	2
November .....	130	3	51	58	10	8	32	22	5	5
December .....	92	-	39	37	11	3	32	23	6	3
1968-January .....	98	2	38	43	8	7	41	35	6	-
February .....	144	2	45	80	10	7	37	24	7	6
March .....	113	2	39	57	14	1	32	23	4	5
April .....	105	2	30	61	8	4	45	32	11	2
May .....	132	2	46	68	12	4	34	25	6	3
June .....	130	2	50	65	9	4	20	15	3	2
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1967 .....	737	9	277	384	43	24	201	163	28	10
Six months 1968 .....	722	12	248	374	61	27	209	154	37	18

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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

## THIRD QUARTER 1968

The total number of business failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts during the third quarter of 1968 has been estimated at 538 compared with 606 for the third quarter of 1967. Estimated defaulted liabilities were considerably lower at \$38,613,000 in comparison with \$75,543,000 for the same quarter of 1967.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the Trade industry with 238 failures compared with 247 in the third quarter of 1967. Liabilities in this sector decreased from \$13,695,000 to \$10,384,000. In the manufacturing industries the number of insolvencies increased from 50 to 55 but the liabilities declined from \$6,981,000 to \$4,546,000. Failures in the construction industry decreased from 43 to 31 and the liabilities from \$31,719,000 to \$8,004,000. Similarly the finance industry experienced a smaller number of failures, from 30 to 23 with liabilities slightly lower than in the third quarter 1967. There were fewer bankruptcies in the service industry and the liabilities were considerably lower.

Failures and Liabilities Regionally

While the number of business failures decreased fractionally in the third quarter of 1968 compared with last year's similar quarter, corresponding liabilities decreased sharply from \$23,098,000 to \$8,539,000. Estimated liabilities in Quebec declined sharply in this quarter from \$48,373,000 to \$23,548,000 with a decline in the number of failures from 365 to 280. The number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces increased from 25 to 39 and the liabilities from \$982,000 to \$3,877,000. Bankruptcies in British Columbia increased from 18 to 30 and the liabilities from \$1,079,000 to \$2,466,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Bankruptcies in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 groups increased from 123 to 141 in the third quarter 1967-68 comparison. Failures in the \$100,000 and over bracket declined sharply in this quarter.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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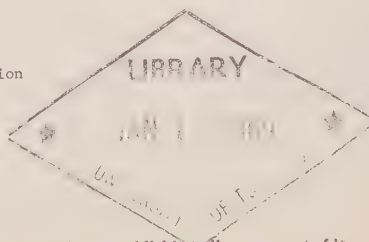
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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter 1968 with Comparative Figures for 1967

No.		Third quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	11	6	8	7
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	1	2	2	-
3	Textile industries .....	1	-	1	1	2	2
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	5	3	-	3
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	8	8	4	4
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	2	3	1	4
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	5	6	5	1
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	1	-	-	1	1	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	3	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	2	-	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	3	6	2	5
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	2	-	30	32	18	20
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	1	27	17	14	15
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	-	38	33	12	12
17	Total construction industries .....	1	1	65	50	26	27
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	-	29	16	13	10
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	-	35	29	10	12
20	General merchandise .....	-	1	4	2	6	2
21	Automotive products .....	1	-	37	25	29	27
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	2	14	18	6	9
23	Hardware .....	-	-	7	8	9	5
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	-	18	18	6	9
25	Drugs .....	-	-	3	2	-	-
26	Other trades .....	2	-	20	15	18	17
27	Total trade .....	5	3	138	117	84	81
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	21	15	8	6
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	5	3	3	3
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	2	5	4	4
31	Business services .....	-	-	10	4	3	4
32	Personal services .....	1	-	46	28	15	19
33	Other services .....	-	-	8	4	6	4
34	Total services .....	1	-	71	44	31	34
35	Totals .....	10	4	365	280	188	185

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter 1968 with Comparative Figures for 1967 - Concluded

Third quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967 \$'000	1968 \$'000	
3	2	2	4	24	19	2,089	2,304	1
-	-	-	-	3	2	342	80	2
-	-	-	-	4	3	1,101	253	3
-	-	-	-	5	6	415	158	4
-	-	-	1	12	13	2,040	1,190	5
-	1	-	-	3	8	259	1,026	6
-	-	-	-	10	7	1,038	263	7
-	-	-	-	1	-	97	-	8
-	-	-	-	2	1	109	423	9
-	-	-	-	3	-	639	-	10
-	-	-	-	1	3	283	144	11
-	-	-	-	1	-	21	-	12
-	1	-	-	5	12	637	1,009	13
-	2	-	1	50	55	6,981	4,546	14
3	6	2	2	47	41	26,654	6,128	15
4	5	1	-	55	50	5,065	1,876	16
7	11	3	2	102	91	31,719	8,004	17
-	4	-	1	43	31	2,363	1,137	18
1	4	2	1	49	46	1,172	1,989	19
2	1	-	-	12	6	1,606	425	20
5	7	1	5	73	64	2,814	1,787	21
-	3	-	-	20	32	738	972	22
-	1	1	4	17	18	3,487	902	23
1	-	3	5	29	32	1,756	2,179	24
-	-	1	-	4	2	547	89	25
2	1	1	5	43	38	1,575	2,041	26
11	17	9	20	247	238	13,695	10,384	27
-	1	1	1	30	23	10,239	9,737	28
-	-	1	-	9	6	1,769	386	29
-	1	1	-	7	10	255	286	30
2	-	-	-	15	8	1,825	227	31
2	1	-	1	64	49	4,367	1,514	32
-	-	1	-	15	8	241	88	33
4	2	3	1	110	81	8,457	2,501	34
25	39	18	30	606	538	75,543	38,613	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction industry			
	Total		Total		Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Total	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1967-January .....	255	13,508	14	515	29	3,349	7	649	3	573	2	39	1	75	51	1,967
	226	12,146	9	1,050	27	1,648	9	404	4	360	-	-	-	-	41	2,981
	249	13,977	13	445	24	2,695	7	344	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	2,255
	216	17,671	13	2,762	25	5,885	6	202	2	105	-	-	-	-	30	1,005
	231	14,169	11	994	19	2,483	2	545	1	184	1	11	-	-	37	2,974
	182	10,729	18	805	19	1,956	6	922	2	115	-	-	1	52	24	921
	202	13,158	9	365	14	1,873	4	200	2	88	-	-	1	9	30	1,690
	183	20,652	10	951	14	2,420	6	1,347	2	282	-	-	-	-	37	2,640
	221	41,733	5	773	22	2,689	2	493	6	668	1	97	1	100	35	27,389
	211	13,133	13	494	25	3,708	8	1,858	3	822	1	84	1	38	34	2,027
	226	16,795	7	231	27	2,493	5	311	5	1,220	1	124	-	-	35	5,084
	229	30,392	16	807	26	3,676	1	154	5	684	-	-	1	6	51	3,916
1968-January .....	212	16,396	14	1,217	25	1,140	7	251	3	118	-	-	-	-	37	1,354
	249	17,432	15	708	35	3,848	4	478	8	832	-	-	4	1,197	32	1,887
	258	21,810	12	766	25	3,277	8	889	4	1,842	-	-	-	-	48	3,086
	210	16,522	7	2,114	25	6,539	5	813	8	4,277	-	-	1	810	33	2,377
	232	16,494	6	374	23	1,980	4	76	3	96	1	500	2	144	51	2,585
	175	11,605	8	303	20	2,312	5	999	5	149	-	-	-	-	35	1,480
	187	12,498	4	1,611	16	1,644	5	262	2	36	-	-	-	-	33	2,817
	159	7,458	8	313	21	1,423	5	885	3	107	-	-	-	-	26	1,789
	192	18,658	7	380	18	1,479	3	44	2	120	-	-	1	423	32	3,399
	October .....															
	November .....															
	December .....															
Nine months 1967 .....	1,965	157,744	102	8,660	193	24,997	49	5,106	22	2,375	4	147	4	236	331	43,823
Nine months 1968 .....	1,874	138,872	81	7,785	208	23,643	46	4,696	38	7,577	1	500	8	2,575	327	20,774

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Finance industries			Service industries					
	Total			Food			Apparel and shoes			Household furniture and appliances			Total		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1967-January .....	21	407	99	3,967	20	687	12	507	11	321	11	1,095	30	2,208	
February .....	14	329	98	3,356	15	428	13	496	14	369	10	2,173	27	609	
March .....	14	301	102	3,777	20	978	12	553	11	301	7	1,482	43	3,022	
April .....	18	1,982	80	3,544	15	276	16	360	2	32	15	1,626	35	867	
May .....	15	341	98	3,573	21	851	21	458	14	352	7	1,933	44	1,871	
June .....	15	674	72	3,829	18	1,302	8	172	8	299	6	544	28	2,000	
July .....	18	412	86	4,906	17	432	5	341	11	360	10	2,233	35	1,680	
August .....	10	995	62	3,470	10	238	5	171	8	1,080	13	7,179	37	2,997	
September .....	15	955	99	5,320	22	502	10	225	10	317	7	827	38	3,780	
October .....	9	418	86	3,578	10	437	5	854	15	619	6	471	38	2,436	
November .....	23	822	89	2,999	17	517	11	420	7	228	19	1,619	26	3,539	
December .....	14	300	84	3,362	17	543	8	253	14	465	11	16,584	27	1,748	
1968-January .....	10	379	80	9,803	14	531	17	504	6	572	12	1,056	34	1,448	
February .....	22	852	105	5,828	21	1,026	14	367	17	2,299	10	3,005	30	1,303	
March .....	23	3,049	109	8,030	27	1,067	10	213	14	606	12	2,670	29	933	
April .....	12	309	90	3,394	11	231	9	201	6	158	5	303	38	1,486	
May .....	15	179	86	2,469	17	447	7	194	7	235	8	2,272	43	6,635	
June .....	10	279	69	2,745	17	868	7	139	7	602	3	563	30	3,923	
July .....	9	171	88	4,558	12	356	7	458	13	1,450	7	929	30	768	
August .....	9	138	66	2,608	19	990	8	134	10	469	7	361	22	826	
September .....	13	828	84	3,218	15	643	17	380	9	260	9	8,447	29	907	
October .....															
November .....															
December .....															
Nine months 1967 .....	140	6,397	796	35,741	158	5,694	102	3,285	89	3,430	86	19,092	317	19,034	
Nine months 1968 .....	123	6,184	777	42,652	153	6,158	96	2,589	89	6,651	73	19,606	285	18,228	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1967-January .....	5	676	129	6,896	92	4,615	6	196	2	30
February .....	6	148	132	6,644	62	3,397	6	171	6	158
March .....	3	96	147	9,410	80	2,697	2	71	4	29
April .....	5	145	114	13,698	85	3,585	5	135	1	10
May .....	1	7	132	8,557	78	4,680	3	100	4	55
June .....	2	32	86	5,715	69	3,354	8	590	5	566
July .....	2	35	118	8,631	68	3,647	5	273	-	-
August .....	1	44	121	12,278	47	7,753	3	100	3	98
September .....	7	1,934	126	27,464	73	11,698	4	77	2	49
October .....	5	245	101	5,787	81	5,869	6	312	-	-
November .....	4	3,354	120	8,111	71	4,167	7	138	5	126
December .....	2	56	120	10,266	87	4,960	5	14,293	3	262
1968-January .....	8	1,037	109	5,412	73	8,937	5	283	2	21
February .....	4	53	112	9,940	100	4,906	9	805	3	225
March .....	7	225	125	6,201	106	13,738	6	629	3	106
April .....	3	104	100	4,546	79	8,272	6	570	4	214
May .....	3	74	120	12,360	84	3,001	5	186	5	180
June .....	5	61	75	3,381	65	3,644	9	294	2	35
July .....	1	35	82	4,535	76	4,306	6	1,654	5	859
August .....	2	117	84	3,946	49	1,630	2	78	5	196
September .....	1	32	114	15,067	60	2,603	1	137	5	109
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1967 .....	32	3,117	1,105	99,293	654	45,426	42	1,713	27	995
Nine months 1968 .....	34	1,738	921	65,388	692	51,037	49	4,636	34	1,945
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1967-January .....	8	366	13	729	255	13,508	37	1,977	64	4,716
February .....	8	1,137	6	491	226	12,146	23	1,692	50	3,918
March .....	10	398	3	1,276	249	13,977	25	726	68	5,168
April .....	1	11	5	87	216	17,671	32	2,043	58	3,367
May .....	5	84	8	686	231	14,169	22	1,783	63	5,463
June .....	6	197	6	275	182	10,729	25	922	33	2,443
July .....	3	274	6	298	202	13,158	25	1,233	60	3,706
August .....	2	49	6	330	183	20,652	17	5,585	60	6,220
September .....	3	61	6	451	221	41,734	29	8,193	51	22,998
October .....	5	445	13	474	211	13,132	30	2,473	41	2,587
November .....	6	168	13	731	226	16,795	28	1,573	62	6,038
December .....	7	315	5	241	229	30,392	23	1,816	53	5,990
1968-January .....	5	234	10	472	212	16,396	31	6,734	59	2,750
February .....	9	352	12	1,151	249	17,432	47	3,088	52	5,262
March .....	5	285	6	626	258	21,810	42	10,770	62	3,331
April .....	8	1,626	10	1,190	210	16,522	26	4,949	48	1,961
May .....	2	40	13	653	232	16,494	25	803	64	9,930
June .....	8	2,901	11	1,289	175	11,605	19	1,164	43	2,093
July .....	7	387	10	722	187	12,498	28	2,433	41	2,811
August .....	7	441	10	1,050	159	7,458	10	666	38	1,545
September .....	1	16	10	694	192	18,658	23	934	56	9,986
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1967 .....	46	2,577	59	4,623	1,965	157,744	235	24,154	507	57,999
Nine months 1968 .....	52	6,282	92	7,847	1,874	138,872	251	31,541	463	39,669

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1967					1968				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	-	1	5	2	2	2		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	20	11	14	72	27	26	19		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	21	6	10	21	58	29	16	16		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	18	7	18	53	12	9	8		
Over \$100,000 .....	20	17	22	24	83	15	15	10		
Totals .....	80	63	50	78	271	85	68	55		
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	7	4	2	3	16	2	4	5		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	67	46	46	50	209	57	59	34		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	28	17	22	27	94	26	20	23		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	24	15	15	19	73	16	23	14		
Over \$100,000 .....	12	9	17	21	59	16	13	15		
Totals .....	138	91	102	120	451	117	119	91		
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	15	12	10	48	15	10	12		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	156	137	136	133	562	154	150	113		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	53	53	64	233	55	46	70		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	49	24	22	32	127	47	23	25		
Over \$100,000 .....	20	21	24	20	85	23	16	18		
Totals .....	299	250	247	259	1,055	294	245	238		
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	9	6	11	31	6	5	8		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	49	51	53	44	197	46	59	41		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	22	18	13	78	23	26	17		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	16	13	8	45	9	9	10		
Over \$100,000 .....	13	9	20	15	57	9	12	5		
Totals .....	100	107	110	91	408	93	111	81		
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	31	35	23	28	117	29	23	27		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	353	304	284	286	1,227	339	336	239		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	158	121	123	156	558	171	116	141		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	108	85	70	95	358	100	71	71		
Over \$100,000 .....	80	84	106	101	371	80	71	60		
Totals .....	730	629	606	666	2,631	719	617	538		
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	19	11	13	62	17	12	18		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	196	165	159	149	669	152	157	122		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	90	55	82	68	295	93	54	76		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	59	37	46	56	198	45	38	31		
Over \$100,000 .....	44	56	67	55	222	39	34	33		
Totals .....	408	332	365	341	1,446	346	295	280		
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	15	11	14	51	12	11	9		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	116	108	104	101	429	146	127	85		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	54	50	28	62	194	59	43	46		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	31	37	16	29	113	37	22	27		
Over \$100,000 .....	22	22	29	33	106	25	25	18		
Totals .....	234	232	188	239	893	279	228	185		

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1967-January .....	53.0	135.2	53.5	50.2	36.9	56.1	115.5	38.6	40.1	73.6
February .....	53.7	24.7	50.3	54.8	73.3	81.8	61.0	72.7	34.2	22.6
March .....	56.1	32.0	64.0	33.7	31.1	425.3	112.3	49.0	37.0	70.3
April .....	81.8	29.0	120.2	42.2	22.3	17.4	235.4	25.1	44.3	24.8
May .....	61.3	7.0	64.8	60.0	19.9	85.6	130.7	80.3	36.4	42.5
June .....	59.2	157.5	66.5	48.6	53.2	44.7	102.9	38.4	53.2	71.4
July .....	65.1	17.5	73.1	53.6	68.4	49.7	133.8	56.3	53.6	48.0
August .....	112.9	43.5	101.5	165.0	30.9	55.0	172.9	71.1	56.0	81.0
September .....	184.3	276.3	218.0	160.2	20.8	42.5	782.5	53.7	99.5	
October .....	62.2	49.0	57.3	72.5	68.8	36.5	148.3	59.6	41.6	64.1
November .....	74.3	838.5	67.5	58.7	24.0	56.2	92.3	145.3	33.7	136.1
December .....	132.7	28.0	85.6	57.0	991.3	48.2	141.4	76.8	40.0	64.7
1968-January .....	77.3	129.6	49.7	122.4	44.8	47.2	45.6	36.6	122.5	42.6
February .....	70.0	13.1	88.8	49.1	65.8	95.9	109.9	60.0	55.5	43.4
March .....	84.5	32.1	49.6	129.6	72.9	104.3	131.1	64.3	73.7	32.2
April .....	78.7	34.7	45.5	104.7	133.9	119.0	261.6	72.0	37.7	39.1
May .....	71.1	24.3	103.0	35.7	33.8	50.2	86.1	50.7	28.7	154.3
June .....	66.3	12.2	45.1	56.1	170.0	117.2	115.6	42.3	39.8	130.8
July .....	66.8	35.0	55.3	56.7	161.1	72.2	102.8	85.4	51.8	25.6
August .....	46.9	58.5	47.0	33.3	51.1	105.0	67.8	68.8	39.5	37.5
September .....	97.2	32.0	132.2	43.4	37.4	69.4	82.2	106.2	38.3	31.3
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1967 .....	80.3	97.4	89.9	69.5	46.0	78.4	129.5	132.4	44.9	60.0
Nine months 1968 .....	74.1	51.1	71.0	73.8	95.3	85.3	113.7	63.5	54.9	64.0

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the coverage shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1967-January .....	119	2	40	65	6	6	36	30	4	2
February .....	120	1	56	51	8	4	49	39	9	1
March .....	151	-	56	78	11	6	39	35	4	-
April .....	118	1	45	69	-	3	32	24	6	2
May .....	118	3	41	62	9	3	25	18	3	4
June .....	111	2	39	59	9	2	20	17	2	1
July .....	102	2	42	46	3	9	50	40	9	1
August .....	94	1	36	44	8	5	43	30	6	7
September .....	109	1	41	54	3	10	27	23	4	-
October .....	127	-	42	71	9	5	35	26	7	2
November .....	130	3	51	58	10	8	32	22	5	5
December .....	92	-	39	37	11	3	32	23	6	3
1968-January .....	98	2	38	43	8	7	41	35	6	-
February .....	144	2	45	80	10	7	37	24	7	6
March .....	113	2	39	57	14	1	32	23	4	5
April .....	105	2	30	61	8	4	45	32	11	2
May .....	132	2	46	68	12	4	34	25	6	3
June .....	131	3	50	65	9	4	20	15	3	2
July .....	85	-	36	43	2	4	11	9	1	1
August .....	98	3	34	47	12	2	26	18	5	3
September .....	125	3	46	61	9	6	29	24	5	-
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1967 .....	1,042	13	396	528	57	48	321	256	47	18
Nine months 1968 .....	1,031	19	364	525	84	39	275	205	48	22



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During the fourth quarter of 1968 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 625, a decrease of 6.2 per cent from the revised total of 666 for the same quarter of 1967. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$40,984,000, lower by 32.1 per cent than the total of \$60,320,000 for the fourth quarter of 1967.

The total number of business failures for the year 1968 was 2,500, a decrease of 6.8 per cent from the revised 1967 total of 2,631. Total estimated liabilities were \$179,851,000 in comparison with the twelve month total of \$218,064,000 for 1967.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of insolvencies occurred in the trade sector with 1,056 compared with 1,055 in 1967. Liabilities increased from \$45,681,000 to \$55,980,000. In the manufacturing industry the number of failures was 265 compared with 271 in 1967. Defaulted liabilities in the manufacturing industry declined from \$34,883,000 to \$32,002,000. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was 435 compared with 451 in 1967. Liabilities declined sharply from \$54,849,000 to \$27,458,000 in the construction industry. In the financial sector the number of insolvencies was 86 in comparison with 122 in 1967 and the liabilities fell from \$37,766,000 to \$24,436,000 in the 1967-68 comparison. The number of bankruptcies in the service industry decreased from 408 to 380 and the liabilities from \$26,757,000 to \$23,029,000 in the 1967-68 comparison.

### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 1,243 business failures in Quebec in 1968 compared with 1,446 in 1967. Estimated liabilities decreased from \$123,457,000 to \$89,171,000. In Ontario the number of bankruptcies increased from 893 to 910 and the liabilities from \$60,422,000 to \$62,698,000 in the 1967-68 comparison. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvencies increased from 158 to 187 but the liabilities declined from \$20,344,000 in 1967 to \$16,418,000 in 1968. In British Columbia the number of business failures increased from 90 to 121 and the liabilities from \$6,069,000 to \$9,695,000 in the 1967-68 comparison.

### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 bracket. Business failures in all the size groups except the \$25,000 to \$50,000 size group showed a decline in 1968.

### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year, 1968 with Comparative Figures for 1967

No.		Fourth Quarter									
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces		British Columbia	
		1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
b 1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	13	7	15	20	2	-	6	2
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>										
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	1	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	9	9	2	-	-	-	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	7	5	7	7	-	1	-	2
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	5	9	2	2	-	1	1	-
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	5	5	7	3	-	1	1	1
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	7	2	6	1	1	-	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	43	35	29	16	2	3	4	3
	<u>Construction industries:</u>										
15	General contractors .....	-	-	30	21	15	13	3	5	4	1
16	Special trade contractors .....	2	-	40	23	24	31	1	8	1	5
17	Total construction industries .....	2	-	70	44	39	44	4	13	5	6
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	2	21	16	19	16	5	8	1	3
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>										
19	Food .....	2	-	26	27	13	17	3	4	-	2
20	General merchandise .....	1	-	3	4	4	3	-	3	-	-
21	Automotive products .....	1	1	30	35	28	21	10	11	1	5
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	13	24	8	10	2	1	1	1
23	Hardware .....	1	-	11	9	7	2	2	1	-	1
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	-	17	15	14	8	2	2	2	-
25	Drugs .....	-	2	1	4	1	1	-	1	-	-
26	Other trades .....	1	-	27	34	21	24	2	3	3	3
27	Total trade .....	7	3	128	152	96	86	21	26	7	12
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	-	20	8	10	4	3	-	2	1
	<u>Services:</u>										
29	Education, health and welfare .....	1	-	2	6	1	1	1	-	-	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	5	6	2	3	1	-	-	-
31	Business services .....	-	-	9	5	6	8	-	-	2	2
32	Personal services .....	-	-	26	36	14	18	5	2	1	-
33	Other services .....	-	-	4	6	8	2	-	-	3	-
34	Total services .....	1	-	46	59	31	32	7	2	6	2
35	Totals .....	11	5	341	321	239	218	44	52	31	29

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1968 with Comparative Figures for 1967 - Concluded

Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	
						\$'000	\$'000	
36	29	1,532	1,903	138	110	10,192	9,688	1
4	2	256	1,654	21	11	2,896	2,007	2
1	2	50	660	10	13	2,603	1,738	3
11	9	780	727	33	33	3,120	1,966	4
14	15	2,322	2,854	63	61	7,428	7,550	5
8	12	1,474	1,440	35	48	2,441	3,926	6
13	10	2,726	420	35	48	5,100	7,997	7
2	2	208	325	6	3	355	825	8
2	1	45	29	6	9	280	2,603	9
2	-	631	-	7	-	5,367	-	10
4	1	108	208	7	8	851	993	11
3	-	277	-	6	3	324	58	12
14	3	1,008	42	42	28	4,118	2,339	13
78	57	9,885	8,359	271	265	34,883	32,002	14
52	40	4,593	4,221	193	177	38,422	16,542	15
68	67	6,434	2,451	258	258	16,427	10,916	16
120	107	11,027	6,672	451	435	54,849	27,458	17
46	45	1,539	1,074	186	168	7,936	7,258	18
44	50	1,497	1,922	202	203	7,191	8,081	19
8	10	162	480	43	39	3,081	1,560	20
70	73	2,200	2,781	286	270	11,649	7,379	21
24	36	1,527	912	126	132	4,812	3,501	22
21	13	1,225	1,825	71	78	6,662	5,693	23
36	25	1,312	1,846	125	114	4,742	8,497	24
2	8	60	344	13	18	844	820	25
54	64	1,957	3,234	189	202	6,700	20,449	26
259	279	9,940	13,344	1,055	1,056	45,681	55,980	27
36	13	18,674	4,831	122	86	37,766	24,436	28
5	7	213	312	28	27	3,015	1,212	29
8	9	988	571	28	33	2,736	6,256	30
17	15	768	1,092	52	57	4,908	5,373	31
46	56	5,305	2,650	239	229	14,410	9,284	32
15	8	449	176	61	34	1,688	904	33
91	95	7,723	4,801	408	380	26,757	23,029	34
666	625	60,320	40,984	2,631	2,500	218,064	179,851	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction industry			
	Total		Total		Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Total	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1967-January .....	255	13,508	14	515	29	3,349	7	649	3	573	2	39	1	75	51	1,967
	226	12,146	9	1,050	27	1,648	9	404	4	360	-	-	-	-	41	2,981
	249	13,977	13	445	24	2,695	7	344	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	2,255
	216	17,671	13	2,762	25	5,885	6	202	2	105	-	-	-	-	30	1,005
	231	14,169	11	994	19	2,483	2	545	1	184	1	11	-	-	37	2,974
	182	10,729	18	805	19	1,956	6	922	2	115	-	-	1	52	24	921
	202	13,158	9	365	14	1,873	4	200	2	88	-	-	1	9	30	1,690
	183	20,652	10	951	14	2,420	6	1,347	2	282	-	-	-	-	37	2,640
	221	41,733	5	773	22	2,689	2	493	6	668	1	97	1	100	35	27,389
	211	13,132	13	494	25	3,708	8	1,858	3	822	1	84	1	38	34	2,027
	226	16,796	7	231	27	2,501	5	311	5	1,220	1	124	-	-	35	5,084
	229	30,393	16	807	26	3,676	1	154	5	684	-	-	1	6	51	3,916
1968-January .....	212	16,396	14	1,217	25	1,140	7	251	3	118	-	-	-	-	37	1,354
	249	17,431	15	708	35	3,848	4	477	8	832	-	-	4	1,197	32	1,887
	258	21,810	12	766	25	3,277	8	889	4	1,842	-	-	-	-	48	3,086
	210	16,522	7	2,114	25	6,539	5	813	8	4,277	-	-	1	811	33	2,377
	232	16,494	6	374	23	1,980	4	76	3	96	1	500	2	144	51	2,585
	175	11,605	8	303	20	2,312	5	999	5	149	-	-	-	-	35	1,480
	187	12,498	4	1,611	16	1,644	5	262	2	36	-	-	-	-	33	2,817
	160	7,453	8	313	21	1,423	5	885	3	107	-	-	-	-	27	1,801
	192	18,658	7	380	18	1,479	3	44	2	120	-	-	1	423	32	3,399
	225	21,296	9	610	29	4,553	7	458	4	157	1	31	1	28	35	3,612
	221	10,476	11	872	13	1,757	6	1,527	3	99	-	-	-	-	32	1,319
	179	9,212	9	420	15	2,048	2	869	3	164	1	294	-	-	40	1,741
Twelve months 1967 .....	2,631	218,064	138	10,192	271	34,883	63	7,429	35	5,101	6	355	6	280	451	54,849
Twelve months 1968 .....	2,500	179,851	110	9,688	265	32,002	61	7,550	48	7,997	3	825	9	2,603	435	27,458

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries						Trade industries						Finance industries						Service industries						
	Total			Total			Food			Apparel and shoes			Household furniture and appliances			Total			Total			Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.	\$'000	Number	Liab.	\$'000	Number	Liab.	\$'000	Number	Liab.	\$'000	Number	Liab.	\$'000	Number	Liab.	\$'000							
1967-January .....	21	407		99	3,967		20	687		12	507		11	321		11	1,095		30	2,208				30	2,208
	14	329		98	3,356		15	428		13	496		14	369		10	2,173		27	609				27	609
	14	301		102	3,777		20	978		12	554		11	301		7	1,482		43	3,022				43	3,022
	18	1,982		80	3,544		15	276		16	360		2	32		15	1,626		35	867				35	867
	15	341		98	3,573		21	851		21	459		14	352		7	1,933		44	1,871				44	1,871
	15	674		72	3,829		18	1,302		8	172		8	299		6	544		28	2,000				28	2,000
	18	412		86	4,906		17	432		5	341		11	359		10	2,233		35	1,680				35	1,680
	10	995		62	3,470		10	238		5	171		8	1,080		13	7,179		37	2,997				37	2,997
	15	955		99	5,320		22	502		10	225		10	317		7	827		38	3,780				38	3,780
	9	418		86	3,578		10	437		5	854		15	619		6	471		38	2,436				38	2,436
	23	822		89	2,999		17	517		11	420		7	228		19	1,619		26	3,539				26	3,539
	14	300		84	3,362		17	543		8	253		14	465		11	16,584		27	1,748				27	1,748
1968-January .....	10	379		80	9,803		14	531		17	504		6	572		12	1,056		34	1,448				34	1,448
	22	852		105	5,828		21	1,026		14	367		17	2,299		10	3,005		30	1,303				30	1,303
	23	3,049		109	8,030		27	1,067		10	213		14	606		12	2,670		29	933				29	933
	12	309		90	3,394		11	231		9	201		6	158		5	302		38	1,486				38	1,486
	15	179		86	2,469		17	447		7	194		7	235		8	2,272		43	6,635				43	6,635
	10	279		69	2,745		17	868		7	139		7	602		3	563		30	3,923				30	3,923
	9	171		88	4,558		12	356		7	458		13	1,450		7	929		30	768				30	768
	9	138		66	2,592		19	990		8	134		10	469		7	361		22	826				22	826
	13	828		84	3,218		15	643		17	379		9	260		9	8,447		29	907				29	907
	22	436		93	5,823		15	985		11	350		11	591		5	4,556		32	1,704				32	1,704
	13	310		102	3,540		24	601		10	218		11	550		4	128		46	2,549				46	2,549
	10	328		84	3,980		11	336		15	344		3	705		4	147		17	547				17	547
Twelve months 1967 .....	186	7,936		1,055	45,681		202	7,191		126	4,812		125	4,742		122	37,766		408	26,757				408	26,757
Twelve months 1968 .....	168	7,258		1,056	55,980		203	8,081		132	3,501		114	8,497		86	24,436		380	23,029				380	23,029



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1967-January .....	5	676	129	6,896	92	4,615	6	196	2	30
February .....	6	148	132	6,644	62	3,397	6	171	6	158
March .....	3	96	147	9,410	80	2,697	2	71	4	29
April .....	5	145	114	13,698	85	3,585	5	135	1	10
May .....	1	7	132	8,557	78	4,680	3	100	4	55
June .....	2	32	86	5,715	69	3,354	8	590	5	566
July .....	2	35	118	8,631	68	3,647	5	273	-	-
August .....	1	44	121	12,278	47	7,753	3	100	3	98
September .....	7	1,934	126	27,464	73	11,698	4	77	2	49
October .....	5	245	101	5,787	81	5,869	6	312	-	-
November .....	4	3,354	120	8,111	71	4,167	7	138	5	126
December .....	2	56	120	10,266	87	4,960	5	14,293	3	262
1968-January .....	8	1,037	109	5,412	73	8,937	5	283	2	21
February .....	4	52	112	9,940	100	4,906	9	805	3	225
March .....	7	225	125	6,201	106	13,738	6	629	3	106
April .....	3	104	100	4,546	79	8,272	6	570	4	214
May .....	3	74	120	12,360	84	3,001	5	186	5	180
June .....	5	61	75	3,381	65	3,644	9	294	2	35
July .....	1	35	82	4,535	76	4,306	6	1,654	5	859
August .....	2	117	85	3,937	49	1,630	2	78	5	200
September .....	1	32	114	15,067	60	2,603	1	137	5	109
October .....	2	71	121	14,073	78	5,387	5	456	4	104
November .....	2	41	122	4,766	69	3,291	4	1,249	7	216
December .....	1	20	78	4,953	71	2,983	7	421	5	71
Twelve months 1967 ....	43	6,772	1,446	123,457	893	60,422	59	16,456	35	1,383
Twelve months 1968 ....	39	1,869	1,243	89,171	910	62,698	65	6,762	50	2,340
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1967-January .....	8	366	13	729	255	13,508	37	1,977	64	4,716
February .....	8	1,137	6	491	226	12,146	23	1,692	50	3,918
March .....	10	398	3	1,276	249	13,977	25	726	68	5,168
April .....	1	11	5	87	216	17,671	32	2,043	58	3,367
May .....	5	84	8	686	231	14,169	22	1,783	63	5,463
June .....	6	197	6	275	182	10,729	25	922	33	2,443
July .....	3	274	6	298	202	13,158	25	1,233	60	3,706
August .....	2	49	6	330	183	20,652	17	5,585	60	6,220
September .....	3	61	6	451	221	41,733	29	8,193	51	22,998
October .....	5	445	13	474	211	13,132	30	2,473	41	2,587
November .....	6	168	13	731	226	16,796	28	1,573	62	6,038
December .....	7	315	5	241	229	30,393	23	1,816	53	5,990
1968-January .....	5	234	10	472	212	16,396	31	6,734	59	2,750
February .....	9	352	12	1,151	249	17,431	47	3,088	52	5,262
March .....	5	285	6	626	258	21,810	42	10,770	62	3,331
April .....	8	1,626	10	1,190	210	16,522	26	4,949	48	1,961
May .....	2	40	13	653	232	16,494	25	803	64	9,930
June .....	8	2,901	11	1,289	175	11,605	19	1,164	43	2,093
July .....	7	387	10	722	187	12,498	28	2,433	41	2,811
August .....	7	441	10	1,050	160	7,453	10	666	39	1,554
September .....	1	16	10	694	192	18,658	23	934	56	9,986
October .....	6	295	9	910	225	21,296	19	3,382	67	10,561
November .....	6	346	11	567	221	10,476	15	528	59	2,792
December .....	8	393	9	371	179	9,212	23	1,534	36	4,357
Twelve months 1967 ....	64	3,505	90	6,069	2,631	218,064	316	30,016	663	72,614
Twelve months 1968 ....	72	7,316	121	9,695	2,500	179,851	308	36,985	626	57,388

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1967					1968				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	-	1	5	2	2	2	-	6
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	20	11	14	72	27	26	19	15	87
25,000 " 50,000 ....	21	6	10	21	58	29	16	16	18	79
50,000 " 100,000 ....	10	18	7	18	53	12	9	8	8	37
Over \$100,000 .....	20	17	22	24	83	15	15	10	16	56
Totals .....	80	63	50	78	271	85	68	55	57	265
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	7	4	2	3	16	2	4	5	4	15
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	67	46	46	50	209	57	59	35	41	192
25,000 " 50,000 ....	28	17	22	27	94	26	20	23	33	102
50,000 " 100,000 ....	24	15	15	19	73	16	23	14	22	75
Over \$100,000 .....	12	9	17	21	59	16	13	15	7	51
Totals .....	138	91	102	120	451	117	119	92	107	435
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	15	12	10	48	15	10	12	10	47
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	156	137	136	133	562	154	150	113	150	567
25,000 " 50,000 ....	63	53	53	64	233	55	46	70	67	238
50,000 " 100,000 ....	49	24	22	32	127	47	23	25	27	122
Over \$100,000 .....	20	21	24	20	85	23	16	18	25	82
Totals .....	299	250	247	259	1,055	294	245	238	279	1,056
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	9	6	11	31	6	5	8	5	24
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	49	51	53	44	197	46	59	41	49	195
25,000 " 50,000 ....	25	22	18	13	78	23	26	17	25	91
50,000 " 100,000 ....	8	16	13	8	45	9	9	10	6	34
Over \$100,000 .....	13	9	20	15	57	9	12	5	10	36
Totals .....	100	107	110	91	408	93	111	81	95	380
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	31	35	23	28	117	29	23	27	23	102
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	353	304	284	286	1,227	339	336	241	305	1,219
25,000 " 50,000 ....	158	121	123	156	558	171	116	140	157	586
50,000 " 100,000 ....	108	85	70	95	358	100	71	71	72	314
Over \$100,000 .....	80	84	106	101	371	80	71	60	68	279
Totals .....	730	629	606	666	2,631	719	617	539	625	2,500
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	19	19	11	13	62	17	12	18	12	59
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	196	165	159	149	669	152	157	124	154	587
25,000 " 50,000 ....	90	55	82	68	295	93	54	75	84	306
50,000 " 100,000 ....	59	37	46	56	198	45	38	31	31	145
Over \$100,000 .....	44	56	67	55	222	39	34	33	40	146
Totals .....	408	332	365	341	1,446	346	295	281	321	1,243
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	15	11	14	51	12	11	9	9	41
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	116	108	104	101	429	146	127	85	115	473
25,000 " 50,000 ....	54	50	28	62	194	59	43	46	48	196
50,000 " 100,000 ....	31	37	16	29	113	37	22	27	28	114
Over \$100,000 .....	22	22	29	33	106	25	25	18	18	86
Totals .....	234	232	188	239	893	279	228	185	218	910

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1967-January .....	53.0	135.2	53.5	50.2	36.9	56.1	115.5	38.6	40.1	73.6
February .....	53.7	24.7	50.3	54.8	73.3	81.8	61.0	72.7	34.2	22.6
March .....	56.1	32.0	64.0	33.7	31.1	425.3	112.3	49.0	37.0	70.3
April .....	81.8	29.0	120.2	42.2	22.3	17.4	235.4	25.1	44.3	24.8
May .....	61.3	7.0	64.8	60.0	19.9	85.6	130.7	80.3	36.4	42.5
June .....	59.2	157.5	66.5	48.6	53.2	44.7	102.9	38.4	53.2	71.4
July .....	65.1	17.5	73.1	53.6	68.4	49.7	133.8	56.3	53.6	48.0
August .....	112.9	43.5	101.5	165.0	30.9	55.0	172.9	71.1	56.0	81.0
September .....	184.3	276.3	218.0	160.2	20.8	42.5	122.2	782.5	53.7	99.5
October .....	62.2	49.0	57.3	72.5	68.8	36.5	148.3	59.6	41.6	64.1
November .....	74.3	838.5	67.5	58.7	24.0	56.2	92.3	145.3	33.7	136.1
December .....	132.7	28.0	85.6	57.0	991.3	48.2	141.4	76.8	40.0	64.7
1968-January .....	77.3	129.6	49.7	122.4	44.8	47.2	45.6	36.6	122.5	42.6
February .....	70.0	13.1	88.8	49.1	65.8	95.9	109.9	60.0	55.5	43.4
March .....	84.5	32.1	49.6	129.6	72.9	104.3	131.1	64.3	73.7	32.2
April .....	78.7	34.7	45.5	104.7	133.9	119.0	261.6	72.0	37.7	39.1
May .....	71.1	24.3	103.0	35.7	33.8	50.2	86.1	50.7	28.7	154.3
June .....	66.3	12.2	45.1	56.1	170.0	117.2	115.6	42.3	39.8	130.8
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August .....	46.6	58.5	46.3	33.3	51.4	105.0	67.8	66.7	39.3	37.5
September .....	97.2	32.0	132.2	43.4	37.4	69.4	82.2	106.2	38.3	31.3
October .....	94.6	35.5	116.3	69.1	57.0	101.1	157.0	103.2	62.6	53.2
November .....	47.4	20.5	39.1	47.7	106.5	51.5	135.2	41.2	34.7	55.4
December .....	51.5	20.0	63.5	42.0	44.2	41.2	136.5	43.5	47.4	32.2
Twelve months 1967 ..	82.9	157.5	85.4	67.7	135.1	67.4	128.7	121.6	43.3	65.6
Twelve months 1968 ..	71.9	47.9	71.7	68.9	139.6	80.1	120.8	63.1	53.0	60.6

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1967-January .....	119	2	40	65	6	6	36	30	4	2
February .....	120	1	56	51	8	4	49	39	9	1
March .....	151	-	56	78	11	6	39	35	4	-
April .....	118	1	45	69	-	3	32	24	6	2
May .....	118	3	41	62	9	3	25	18	3	4
June .....	111	2	39	59	9	2	20	17	2	1
July .....	102	2	42	46	3	9	50	40	9	1
August .....	94	1	36	44	8	5	43	30	6	7
September .....	109	1	41	54	3	10	27	23	4	-
October .....	127	-	42	71	9	5	35	26	7	2
November .....	130	3	51	58	10	8	32	22	5	5
December .....	92	-	41	37	11	3	32	23	6	3
1968-January .....	98	2	38	43	8	7	41	35	6	-
February .....	144	2	45	80	10	7	37	24	7	6
March .....	113	2	39	57	14	1	32	23	4	5
April .....	105	2	30	61	8	4	45	32	11	2
May .....	132	2	46	68	12	4	34	25	6	3
June .....	131	3	50	65	9	4	20	15	3	2
July .....	85	-	36	43	2	4	11	9	1	1
August .....	98	3	34	47	12	2	26	18	5	3
September .....	125	3	46	61	9	6	29	24	5	-
October .....	98	2	36	44	12	4	26	24	2	-
November .....	129	1	51	57	8	12	27	21	6	-
December .....	100	1	45	44	2	8	22	16	5	1
Twelve months 1967 ..	1,391	16	530	694	87	64	420	327	65	28
Twelve months 1968 ..	1,358	23	496	670	106	63	350	266	61	23

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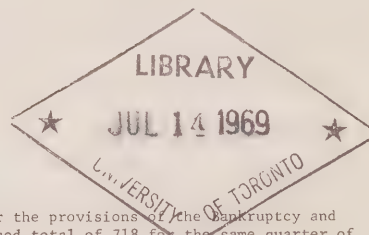
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COMMERCIAL FAILURESUnder the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

FIRST QUARTER 1969



According to preliminary figures the total number of failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 716 during the first quarter of 1969 in comparison with the revised total of 718 for the same quarter of 1968. The estimated total of the liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$65,533,000, considerably higher than the revised total of \$55,714,000 recorded in the first quarter of 1968.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures occurred in the trade sector in which there were 303 compared with 293 for the first quarter of 1968. Liabilities in this industry declined from \$23,653,000 to \$13,519,000. In the manufacturing industry the number of business failures were slightly lower but the liabilities increased from \$8,394,000 to \$9,709,000. The number of failures in the construction industry increased from 116 to 123 and the liabilities from \$6,281,000 to \$10,167,000. In the finance industry the number of insolvencies showed a decline but the liabilities showed a sharp increase from \$6,731,000 to \$23,358,000 in the 1968-69 first quarter comparison.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 413 business failures recorded in Quebec during the first quarter of 1969 compared with 345 for the same period of 1968. Estimated liabilities rose from \$21,507,000 to \$32,909,000. In Ontario the number of insolvencies declined from 279 to 215 and the defaulted liabilities from \$27,581,000 to \$13,902,000 in the first quarter comparison. In the Prairie Provinces the number of failures increased slightly and the liabilities increased from \$2,940,000 to \$4,136,000. In British Columbia the number of insolvencies decreased slightly but there was a sharp increase in the liabilities which rose from \$2,371,000 to \$14,257,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicates that 47.1 per cent of the bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group, 23.3 per cent in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range, 11.7 per cent in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 and 14.8 per cent in the \$100,000 and over brackets.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter 1969 with Comparative Figures for 1968

No.		First Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	15	12	18	10
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	3	4	2	3
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	3
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	9	7	-	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	9	14	8	4
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	11	6	6	2
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	4	5	8	6
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	2	-	1	3
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	2
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	3	1	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	1	1	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	3	7	4	2
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	-	42	47	33	26
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	1	19	30	15	13
16	Special trade contractors .....	3	1	44	44	19	21
17	Total construction industries .....	4	2	63	74	34	34
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	2	-	21	28	27	21
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	-	37	35	21	16
20	General merchandise .....	2	1	3	11	6	2
21	Automotive products .....	1	3	25	24	27	17
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	-	22	44	11	7
23	Hardware .....	1	1	13	11	10	2
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	2	-	20	15	11	13
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	-	3	1
26	Other trades .....	2	1	18	31	24	29
27	Total trade .....	10	6	139	171	113	87
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	2	-	19	12	10	8
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	6	4	1
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	3	6	2	1
31	Business services .....	-	-	9	9	6	6
32	Personal services .....	-	1	29	40	24	20
33	Other services .....	1	-	2	8	8	1
34	Total services .....	1	1	46	69	44	29
35	Totals .....	19	9	345	413	279	215



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter 1969 with Comparative Figures for 1968 - Concluded

First Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
1968	1969	1968	1969	Number		Liabilities		
				1968	1969	1968	1969	
						\$'000	\$'000	
7	2	1	1	41	25	2,691	1,193	1
1	-	-	-	6	7	201	866	2
1	-	-	-	3	3	402	1,055	3
-	-	-	-	9	8	735	487	4
1	-	1	-	19	18	1,618	1,340	5
1	-	-	-	18	8	445	278	6
2	-	2	1	16	12	2,921	1,919	7
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
-	1	1	-	4	4	1,197	575	9
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	387	10
-	-	-	-	2	3	55	1,827	11
1	-	-	-	2	1	39	29	12
-	-	-	-	7	9	781	946	13
7	1	4	1	86	75	8,394	9,709	14
6	3	4	1	45	48	2,787	5,311	15
1	6	4	3	71	75	3,494	4,856	16
7	9	8	4	116	123	6,281	10,167	17
3	7	2	2	55	58	4,280	1,372	18
2	1	1	2	62	54	2,625	2,531	19
-	4	-	-	11	18	386	1,728	20
8	11	1	1	62	56	1,211	1,438	21
3	1	4	1	41	53	1,084	2,177	22
1	3	4	2	29	19	1,903	1,726	23
4	-	-	1	37	29	3,477	912	24
-	-	-	1	4	2	167	65	25
2	11	1	-	47	72	12,800	2,942	26
20	31	11	8	293	303	23,653	13,519	27
2	-	1	5	34	25	6,731	23,358	28
-	-	-	-	7	7	276	200	29
-	-	-	-	5	7	92	117	30
-	-	-	1	15	16	851	2,841	31
1	2	1	4	55	67	2,246	2,893	32
-	1	-	-	11	10	219	164	33
1	3	1	5	93	107	3,684	6,215	34
47	53	28	26	718	716	55,714	65,533	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction industry			
	Total		Total		Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Total	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1968-January .....	212	16,396	14	1,217	25	1,140	7	251	3	118	-	-	-	-	37	1,354
February .....	247	17,378	15	708	35	3,848	4	477	8	832	-	-	4	1,197	31	1,841
March .....	259	21,940	12	766	26	3,406	8	889	5	1,972	-	-	-	-	48	3,085
April .....	208	16,466	7	2,114	25	6,539	5	813	8	4,277	-	-	1	811	33	2,377
May .....	231	16,477	6	374	23	1,980	4	76	3	96	1	500	2	144	51	2,585
June .....	175	11,605	8	303	20	2,312	5	999	5	149	-	-	-	-	35	1,480
July .....	186	12,397	4	1,611	15	1,543	5	262	2	36	-	-	-	-	33	2,817
August .....	160	7,453	8	313	21	1,423	5	885	3	107	-	-	-	-	27	1,801
September ...	193	18,723	7	380	18	1,479	3	44	2	120	-	-	1	423	32	3,399
October .....	235	21,466	9	610	31	4,603	8	483	4	157	1	31	1	28	40	3,687
November ....	228	11,121	11	872	13	1,757	6	1,527	3	99	-	-	-	-	34	1,394
December ....	182	9,314	9	420	15	2,048	2	869	3	164	1	294	-	-	41	1,788
1969-January .....	258	19,055	9	237	23	3,530	7	363	4	1,044	-	-	2	114	42	3,159
February ....	228	22,711	8	533	20	3,012	5	451	3	161	-	-	2	461	42	4,042
March .....	230	23,767	8	423	32	3,167	6	526	5	714	-	-	-	-	39	2,966
April .....																
May .....																
June .....																
July .....																
August .....																
September ...																
October .....																
November ....																
December ....																
Three months 1968 .....	718	55,714	41	2,691	86	8,394	19	1,617	16	2,922	-	-	4	1,197	116	6,280
Three months 1969 .....	716	65,533	25	1,193	75	9,709	18	1,340	12	1,919	-	-	4	575	123	10,167



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1968-January .....	8	1,037	109	5,413	73	8,937	5	283	2	21
February .....	4	53	111	9,893	100	4,906	9	805	3	225
March .....	7	225	125	6,201	106	13,738	6	629	3	106
April .....	3	104	100	4,546	78	8,250	5	535	4	214
May .....	3	74	119	12,343	84	3,001	5	186	5	180
June .....	5	61	75	3,381	65	3,644	9	294	2	35
July .....	1	35	82	4,535	75	4,205	6	1,654	5	859
August .....	2	117	85	3,937	49	1,630	2	78	5	200
September .....	1	32	115	15,132	60	2,603	1	137	5	109
October .....	2	71	124	14,103	83	5,482	5	456	4	104
November .....	2	41	124	5,314	75	3,421	4	1,249	7	216
December .....	1	20	79	4,973	73	3,064	7	421	5	71
1969-January .....	2	82	148	10,608	87	6,522	5	115	8	261
February .....	3	179	136	15,387	63	3,291	5	1,466	4	91
March .....	4	68	129	6,914	65	4,089	3	162	7	311
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1968 .....	19	1,315	345	21,507	279	27,581	20	1,717	8	352
Three months 1969 .....	9	329	413	32,909	215	13,902	13	1,743	19	663
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1968-January .....	5	234	10	472	212	16,396	31	6,734	59	2,750
February .....	9	352	11	1,144	247	17,378	47	3,088	52	5,262
March .....	5	285	7	755	259	21,940	42	10,770	62	3,331
April .....	8	1,626	10	1,190	208	16,466	26	4,949	48	1,961
May .....	2	40	13	653	231	16,477	25	803	64	9,930
June .....	8	2,901	11	1,289	175	11,605	19	1,164	43	2,093
July .....	7	387	10	722	186	12,397	28	2,433	41	2,811
August .....	7	441	10	1,050	160	7,453	10	666	39	1,554
September .....	1	16	10	694	193	18,723	23	934	56	9,986
October .....	7	315	10	935	235	21,466	23	3,452	67	10,561
November .....	6	346	10	534	228	11,121	17	603	59	2,792
December .....	8	393	9	371	182	9,314	24	1,569	36	4,357
1969-January .....	5	1,102	3	365	258	19,055	32	3,749	80	7,804
February .....	8	338	9	1,959	228	22,711	19	1,176	67	9,188
March .....	8	290	14	11,933	230	23,767	24	1,962	79	4,215
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1968 .....	19	871	28	2,371	718	55,714	120	20,592	173	11,343
Three months 1969 .....	21	1,730	26	14,257	716	65,533	75	6,887	226	21,207

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1968					1969				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	2	-	6	2				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	26	19	15	87	16				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	29	16	16	20	81	15				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	12	9	8	8	37	14				
Over \$100,000 .....	16	15	9	16	56	28				
Totals .....	86	68	54	59	267	75				
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	4	5	4	15	1				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	56	59	35	46	196	54				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	20	23	35	104	24				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	23	14	23	76	16				
Over \$100,000 .....	16	13	15	7	51	28				
Totals .....	116	119	92	115	442	123				
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	10	12	10	47	8				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	153	149	113	156	571	153				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	46	70	67	238	85				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	47	23	25	27	122	37				
Over \$100,000 .....	23	16	18	26	83	20				
Totals .....	293	244	238	286	1,061	303				
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	6	5	8	5	24	11				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	46	59	41	50	196	55				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	23	26	17	25	91	22				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	9	9	11	6	35	4				
Over \$100,000 .....	9	12	5	10	36	15				
Totals .....	93	111	82	96	382	107				
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	29	23	27	23	102	22				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	338	334	241	318	1,231	337				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	170	115	140	162	587	167				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	100	71	72	73	316	84				
Over \$100,000 .....	81	71	59	69	280	106				
Totals .....	718	614	539	645	2,516	716				
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	17	12	18	12	59	15				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	152	156	124	159	591	199				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	92	54	75	84	305	94				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	45	38	32	31	146	49				
Over \$100,000 .....	39	34	33	41	147	56				
Totals .....	345	294	282	327	1,248	413				
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	11	9	9	41	7				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	146	126	85	122	479	101				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	59	43	46	53	201	50				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	22	27	29	115	25				
Over \$100,000 .....	25	25	17	18	85	32				
Totals .....	279	227	184	231	921	215				



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1968-January .....	77.3	129.6	49.7	122.4	44.8	47.2	45.6	36.6	122.5	42.6
February .....	70.4	13.1	89.1	49.1	65.8	104.1	109.9	59.4	56.0	43.4
March .....	84.7	32.1	49.6	129.6	72.9	107.9	131.0	64.3	73.7	32.2
April .....	79.2	34.7	45.5	105.8	139.7	119.0	261.6	72.0	37.7	39.1
May .....	71.3	24.3	103.7	35.7	33.8	50.2	86.1	50.7	28.8	154.3
June .....	66.3	12.2	45.1	56.1	170.0	117.2	115.6	42.3	39.8	130.8
July .....	66.6	35.0	55.3	56.1	161.1	72.2	102.8	85.4	51.8	25.6
August .....	46.6	58.5	46.3	33.3	51.4	105.0	67.8	66.7	39.3	37.5
September .....	97.0	32.0	131.6	43.4	37.4	69.4	82.2	106.2	38.3	32.4
October .....	91.3	35.5	113.7	66.0	54.7	93.5	148.5	92.2	61.1	53.2
November .....	48.8	20.5	42.8	45.6	106.5	53.4	135.2	41.0	38.6	55.4
December .....	51.2	20.0	62.9	42.0	44.2	41.2	136.5	43.6	47.4	31.5
1969-January .....	73.9	41.0	71.7	75.0	82.1	121.7	153.5	75.2	36.5	48.1
February .....	99.6	59.7	113.1	52.2	111.5	217.7	150.6	96.2	58.0	76.6
March .....	103.3	17.0	53.6	62.9	42.4	852.4	99.0	76.0	40.0	47.5
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1968 ...	77.6	69.2	62.3	98.9	62.6	84.7	97.6	54.1	80.7	39.6
Three months 1969 ...	91.5	36.6	79.7	64.7	78.0	548.3	129.5	82.7	44.6	58.1

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1968-January .....	98	2	38	43	8	7	41	35	6	-
February .....	144	2	45	80	10	7	37	24	7	6
March .....	112	2	38	57	14	1	32	23	4	5
April .....	103	2	29	61	7	4	45	32	11	2
May .....	131	2	45	68	12	4	34	25	6	3
June .....	129	3	50	64	8	4	20	15	3	2
July .....	87	2	36	43	2	4	11	9	1	1
August .....	96	3	34	47	10	2	26	18	5	3
September .....	125	3	46	61	9	6	29	24	5	-
October .....	104	2	37	48	12	5	26	24	2	-
November .....	132	2	51	58	9	12	27	21	6	-
December .....	101	1	45	44	3	8	22	16	5	1
1969-January .....	112	1	46	53	3	9	29	28	-	1
February .....	133	3	61	57	4	8	33	31	2	-
March .....	149	2	50	87	7	3	37	31	6	-
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1968 ...	354	6	121	180	32	15	110	82	17	11
Three months 1969 ...	394	6	157	197	14	20	99	90	8	1

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## SECOND QUARTER 1969

During the second quarter of 1969 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 587, a decrease of 4.4 per cent from the revised total of 614 insolvencies recorded for the second quarter of 1968. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$36,899,000 as compared with \$44,548,000 for the same quarter of last year.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade sector with 250 failures compared with 244 in the second quarter of 1968. In the manufacturing industries group, the number of business failures decreased from 68 to 63 and the liabilities from \$10,832,000 to \$9,473,000 in the 1968-69 comparison. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was 92 compared with 119 for the second quarter last year. Defaulted liabilities were also lower in value. In the financial sector the number of failures increased from 15 to 25 and the defaulted liabilities rose from \$3,103,000 to \$4,067,000. In the service industry the number of insolvent firms declined from 111 to 90 and the liabilities were considerably less in value.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 289 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the second quarter of 1969 compared with 294 for the same period of 1968 and estimated liabilities were \$20,990,000 compared with \$20,270,000. In Ontario the number of business failures decreased from 227 to 208 and the liabilities from \$14,896,000 to \$10,708,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvent firms declined from 48 to 44 and the defaulted liabilities from \$6,011,000 to \$2,015,000. In British Columbia the number of business failures decreased from 34 to 27 and the liabilities from \$3,132,000 to \$1,960,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved firms in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 the \$50,000 to \$100,000 and the over \$100,000 size groups increased in the second quarter comparison.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter 1969 with Comparative Figures for 1968

No.		Second Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	9	15	2	9
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	1	3	-	2
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	2	1	3	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	8	9	1	2
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	1	6	7	6	4
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	7	2	2	3
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	6	7	10	2
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	-	1	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	1
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	-	-	2	1
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	4	3	2	2
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	1	36	32	27	19
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	-	25	21	17	7
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	4	32	24	26	20
17	Total construction industries .....	2	4	57	45	43	27
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	2	15	15	16	18
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	2	3	26	36	13	16
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	5	1	7	1
21	Automotive products .....	2	-	21	25	33	19
22	Apparel and shoes .....	1	-	12	18	8	15
23	Hardware .....	-	-	10	6	3	10
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	1	5	13	9	9
25	Drugs .....	-	-	-	3	3	-
26	Other trades .....	-	1	22	18	21	28
27	Total trade .....	6	5	101	120	97	98
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	2	8	15	7	6
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	5	3	2	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	6	5	2	2
31	Business services .....	-	-	9	8	8	7
32	Personal services .....	2	3	44	29	21	18
33	Other services .....	-	2	4	2	2	4
34	Total services .....	2	5	68	47	35	31
35	Totals .....	11	19	294	289	227	208

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter 1969 with Comparative Figures for 1968 - Concluded

Second Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968 \$'000	1969 \$'000	
7	3	3	1	21	28	2,790	1,443	1
-	2	-	1	1	8	72	1,670	2
-	-	-	-	5	1	423	60	3
2	-	-	-	9	11	345	2,247	4
-	1	-	3	14	16	1,888	1,216	5
-	1	1	-	10	6	1,015	447	6
-	1	-	1	16	11	4,523	2,746	7
-	-	-	-	1	1	499	118	8
-	-	2	-	3	1	954	125	9
-	1	-	-	-	2	-	170	10
-	-	-	-	2	1	586	131	11
-	-	-	-	1	-	19	-	12
-	-	-	-	6	5	508	543	13
2	6	3	5	68	63	10,832	9,473	14
2	5	5	2	50	35	3,395	2,613	15
5	3	5	6	69	57	3,047	3,534	16
7	8	10	8	119	92	6,442	6,147	17
3	3	1	1	36	39	745	1,134	18
2	1	2	2	45	58	1,545	2,242	19
-	2	-	2	12	6	270	280	20
11	4	3	3	70	51	1,600	977	21
1	2	1	1	23	36	534	1,191	22
-	1	4	-	17	17	1,055	1,015	23
2	1	3	-	20	24	994	879	24
1	-	-	-	4	3	220	156	25
6	7	4	1	53	55	2,374	4,060	26
23	18	17	9	244	250	8,592	10,800	27
-	1	-	1	15	25	3,103	4,067	28
-	-	-	1	7	4	239	188	29
1	-	-	-	9	7	5,308	162	30
2	-	-	-	19	15	3,203	772	31
2	2	-	1	69	53	2,874	2,451	32
1	3	-	-	7	11	420	262	33
6	5	-	2	111	90	12,044	3,835	34
48	44	34	27	614	587	44,548	36,899	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries		Primary industries		Manufacturing industries						Construction industry	
	Total	Liab.	Total	Liab.	Total	Wood industries including furniture	Primary and fabricated metals industries	Machinery industries	Transportation equipment industries	Total	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1968-January .....	212	16,396	14	1,217	25	1,140	3	118	-	-	37	1,354
February .....	247	17,378	15	708	35	3,848	8	832	-	-	31	1,841
March .....	239	21,940	12	766	26	3,406	5	1,972	4	1,197	48	3,085
April .....	208	16,466	7	2,114	25	6,539	8	4,277	1	811	33	2,377
May .....	231	16,477	6	374	23	1,980	3	96	2	144	51	2,585
June .....	175	11,605	8	303	20	2,312	5	149	-	-	35	1,480
July .....	186	12,397	4	1,611	15	1,543	2	36	-	-	33	2,817
August .....	160	7,453	8	313	21	1,423	3	107	-	-	27	1,801
September ...	193	18,723	7	380	18	1,479	2	120	1	423	32	3,399
October .....	235	21,466	9	610	31	4,603	4	157	1	28	40	3,687
November .....	228	11,121	11	872	13	1,757	3	99	-	-	34	1,394
December ....	182	9,314	9	420	15	2,048	3	164	1	294	41	1,788
1969-January .....	258	19,055	9	237	23	3,530	4	1,044	-	-	42	3,159
February .....	229	23,761	8	533	20	3,012	3	161	-	-	42	4,042
March .....	233	24,209	9	767	33	3,275	5	714	1	108	39	2,966
April .....	205	13,538	9	292	27	3,036	6	761	-	-	38	2,252
May .....	206	11,229	12	441	19	3,121	5	363	1	118	23	959
June .....	176	12,132	7	710	17	3,316	4	1,961	-	-	31	2,937
July .....												
August .....												
September ...												
October .....												
November ....												
December ....												
Six months												
1968 .....	1,332	100,262	62	5,482	154	19,225	32	7,444	1	500	235	12,722
1969 .....	1,307	103,924	54	2,980	139	19,290	23	4,665	2	226	215	16,315



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Total			Food			Apparel and shoes			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1968-January .....	10	379		80	9,803		14	531		17	504		6	572		12	1,056		34	1,448	
February .....	22	852		104	5,821		21	1,026		14	367		17	2,299		10	3,005		30	1,303	
March .....	23	3,049		109	8,029		27	1,067		10	213		14	606		12	2,670		29	933	
April .....	11	287		90	3,394		11	231		9	201		6	158		4	267		38	1,486	
May .....	15	179		85	2,452		17	447		7	194		7	235		8	2,272		43	6,635	
June .....	10	279		69	2,745		17	868		7	139		7	602		3	563		30	3,923	
July .....	9	171		88	4,558		12	356		7	458		13	1,450		7	929		30	768	
August .....	9	138		66	2,592		19	990		8	134		10	469		7	361		22	826	
September .....	13	828		84	3,218		15	643		17	379		9	260		9	8,447		30	972	
October .....	22	436		96	5,868		16	995		12	360		11	591		5	4,556		32	1,704	
November .....	14	325		106	4,095		24	601		10	218		11	550		4	218		46	2,549	
December .....	10	328		84	3,980		11	336		15	344		3	705		5	182		18	567	
1969-January .....	19	399		108	3,940		17	518		16	497		10	389		10	5,527		47	2,262	
February .....	14	247		99	5,738		19	1,403		16	684		12	304		8	7,280		38	2,909	
March .....	25	660		97	3,896		18	610		21	996		7	237		8	11,601		22	1,044	
April .....	12	550		79	3,107		20	759		14	390		7	266		10	2,175		30	2,125	
May .....	13	281		92	3,624		23	1,002		9	469		11	339		10	1,590		37	1,213	
June .....	14	303		79	4,068		15	480		13	332		6	274		5	301		23	496	
July .....																					
August .....																					
September .....																					
October .....																					
November .....																					
December .....																					
Six months 1968 .....	91	5,025		537	32,244		107	4,170		64	1,618		57	4,472		49	9,833		204	15,728	
Six months 1969 .....	97	2,440		554	24,373		112	4,772		89	3,368		53	1,809		51	28,474		197	10,049	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1968-January .....	8	1,037	109	5,413	73	8,937	5	283	2	21
February .....	4	53	111	9,893	100	4,906	9	805	3	225
March .....	7	225	125	6,201	106	13,738	6	629	3	106
April .....	3	104	100	4,546	78	8,250	5	535	4	214
May .....	3	74	119	12,343	84	3,001	5	186	5	180
June .....	5	61	75	3,381	65	3,644	9	294	2	35
July .....	1	35	82	4,535	75	4,205	6	1,654	5	859
August .....	2	117	85	3,937	49	1,630	2	78	5	200
September .....	1	32	115	15,132	60	2,603	1	137	5	109
October .....	2	71	124	14,103	83	5,482	5	456	4	104
November .....	2	41	124	5,314	75	3,421	4	1,249	7	216
December .....	1	20	79	4,973	73	3,064	7	421	5	71
1969-January .....	2	82	148	10,608	87	6,522	5	115	8	261
February .....	3	179	137	16,437	63	3,291	5	1,466	4	91
March .....	5	105	130	7,023	66	4,446	3	162	7	244
April .....	7	183	100	7,912	75	3,538	6	289	7	433
May .....	8	310	96	6,481	76	3,211	4	182	5	128
June .....	4	734	93	6,597	57	3,959	6	189	3	62
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1968 .....	30	1,554	639	41,777	506	42,476	39	2,732	19	781
Six months 1969 .....	29	1,593	704	55,058	424	24,967	29	2,403	34	1,219
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1968-January .....	5	234	10	472	212	16,396	31	6,734	59	2,750
February .....	9	352	11	1,144	247	17,378	47	3,088	52	5,262
March .....	5	285	7	755	259	21,940	42	10,770	62	3,331
April .....	8	1,626	10	1,190	208	16,466	26	4,949	48	1,961
May .....	2	40	13	653	231	16,477	25	803	64	9,930
June .....	8	2,901	11	1,289	175	11,605	19	1,164	43	2,093
July .....	7	387	10	722	186	12,397	28	2,433	41	2,811
August .....	7	441	10	1,050	160	7,453	10	666	39	1,554
September .....	1	16	10	694	193	18,723	23	934	56	9,986
October .....	7	315	10	935	235	21,466	23	3,452	67	10,561
November .....	6	346	10	534	228	11,121	17	603	59	2,792
December .....	8	393	9	371	182	9,314	24	1,569	36	4,357
1969-January .....	5	1,102	3	365	258	19,055	32	3,749	80	7,804
February .....	8	338	9	1,959	229	23,761	19	1,176	68	10,238
March .....	8	290	14	11,938	233	24,209	24	1,975	80	4,323
April .....	4	101	6	1,082	205	13,538	28	1,064	55	5,683
May .....	5	450	12	467	206	11,229	34	1,528	55	4,661
June .....	4	180	9	411	176	12,132	25	2,121	49	4,754
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1968 .....	37	5,438	62	5,503	1,332	100,262	190	27,508	328	25,327
Six months 1969 .....	34	2,461	53	16,222	1,307	103,924	162	11,613	387	37,463

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1968					1969				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	2	-	6	2	1			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	26	19	15	87	16	16			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	29	16	16	20	81	15	6			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	12	9	8	8	37	14	13			
Over \$100,000 .....	16	15	9	16	56	29	27			
Totals .....	86	68	54	59	267	76	63			
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	4	5	4	15	1	2			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	56	59	35	46	196	54	37			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	20	23	35	104	24	17			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	23	14	23	76	16	20			
Over \$100,000 .....	16	13	15	7	51	28	16			
Totals .....	116	119	92	115	442	123	92			
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	10	12	10	47	8	6			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	153	149	113	156	571	153	133			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	46	70	67	238	86	62			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	47	23	25	27	122	37	31			
Over \$100,000 .....	23	16	18	26	83	20	18			
Totals .....	293	244	238	286	1,061	304	250			
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	6	5	8	5	24	11	5			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	46	59	41	50	196	55	53			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	23	26	17	25	91	22	19			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	9	9	11	6	35	4	5			
Over \$100,000 .....	9	12	5	10	36	15	8			
Totals .....	93	111	82	96	382	107	90			
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	29	23	27	23	102	22	19			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	338	334	241	318	1,231	337	281			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	170	115	140	162	587	168	123			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	100	71	72	73	316	85	86			
Over \$100,000 .....	81	71	59	69	280	108	78			
Totals .....	718	614	539	645	2,516	720	587			
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	17	12	18	12	59	15	13			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	152	156	124	159	591	199	129			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	92	54	75	84	305	94	64			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	45	38	32	31	146	49	42			
Over \$100,000 .....	39	34	33	41	147	58	41			
Totals .....	345	294	282	327	1,248	415	289			
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	11	9	9	41	7	5			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	146	126	85	122	479	101	112			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	59	43	46	53	201	50	36			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	22	27	29	115	26	29			
Over \$100,000 .....	25	25	17	18	85	32	26			
Totals .....	279	227	184	231	921	216	208			

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
thousands of dollars										
1968-January .....	77.3	129.6	49.7	122.4	44.8	47.2	45.6	36.6	122.5	42.6
February .....	70.4	13.1	89.1	49.1	65.8	104.1	109.9	59.4	56.0	43.4
March .....	84.7	32.1	49.6	129.6	72.9	107.9	131.0	64.3	73.7	32.2
April .....	79.2	34.7	45.5	105.8	139.7	119.0	261.6	72.0	37.7	39.1
May .....	71.3	24.3	103.7	35.7	33.8	50.2	86.1	50.7	28.8	154.3
June .....	66.3	12.2	45.1	56.1	170.0	117.2	115.6	42.3	39.8	130.8
July .....	66.6	35.0	55.3	56.1	161.1	72.2	102.8	85.4	51.8	25.6
August .....	46.6	58.5	46.3	33.3	51.4	105.0	67.8	66.7	39.3	37.5
September .....	97.0	32.0	131.6	43.4	37.4	69.4	82.2	106.2	38.3	32.4
October .....	91.3	35.5	113.7	66.0	54.7	93.5	148.5	92.2	61.1	53.2
November .....	48.8	20.5	42.8	45.6	106.5	53.4	135.2	41.0	38.6	55.4
December .....	51.2	20.0	62.9	42.0	44.2	41.2	136.5	43.6	47.4	31.5
1969-January .....	73.9	41.0	71.7	75.0	82.1	121.7	153.5	75.2	36.5	48.1
February .....	103.8	59.7	120.0	52.2	111.5	217.7	150.6	96.2	58.0	76.6
March .....	103.9	21.1	54.0	67.4	38.7	852.7	99.2	76.0	40.2	47.5
April .....	66.4	26.1	79.1	47.2	48.4	180.3	112.4	59.3	39.3	70.8
May .....	54.5	38.8	67.5	42.2	54.4	38.9	164.3	41.7	39.4	32.8
June .....	68.9	183.5	70.9	69.5	33.2	45.7	195.1	94.7	51.1	21.6
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1968 .....	75.3	51.8	65.4	83.9	94.2	88.8	124.8	54.1	60.0	77.1
Six months 1969 .....	79.5	54.9	78.2	58.9	62.7	306.1	138.8	75.9	44.0	51.0

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1968-January .....	98	2	38	43	8	7	41	35	6	-
February .....	144	2	45	80	10	7	37	24	7	6
March .....	112	2	38	57	14	1	32	23	4	5
April .....	103	2	29	61	7	4	45	32	11	2
May .....	131	2	45	68	12	4	34	25	6	3
June .....	129	3	50	64	8	4	20	15	3	2
July .....	87	2	36	43	2	4	11	9	1	1
August .....	96	3	34	47	10	2	26	18	5	3
September .....	125	3	46	61	9	6	29	24	5	-
October .....	104	2	37	48	12	5	26	24	2	-
November .....	132	2	51	58	9	12	27	21	6	-
December .....	101	1	45	44	3	8	22	16	5	1
1969-January .....	112	1	46	53	3	9	29	28	-	1
February .....	133	3	61	57	4	8	33	31	2	-
March .....	149	2	50	87	7	3	37	31	6	-
April .....	97	1	28	52	7	9	31	23	4	4
May .....	128	1	42	75	8	2	20	15	4	1
June .....	105	3	37	53	6	6	17	14	3	-
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1968 .....	717	13	245	373	59	27	209	154	37	18
Six months 1969 .....	724	11	264	377	35	37	167	142	19	6

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## THIRD QUARTER 1969

The total number of business failures recorded under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts during the third quarter of 1969 was 612 compared with 539 for the third quarter of 1968. Estimated liabilities in default rose to \$43,038,000 in comparison with \$38,573,000 for the same quarter of last year.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade industry with 250 failures compared with 238 in the third quarter of 1968. Liabilities in this sector was \$11,259,000 as against \$10,367,000 in the previous third quarter. In the manufacturing industry the number of insolvencies increased from 54 to 59 and defaulted liabilities rose from \$4,446,000 to \$8,584,000 in the 1968-69 comparison. Bankruptcies in the construction industry increased from 31 to 52 and the liabilities from \$1,137,000 to \$1,460,000. In the finance sector the number of insolvencies declined from 23 to 19 and the liabilities decreased from \$9,737,000 to \$5,598,000 in the 1968-69 third quarter comparison. In the same comparison business failures in the service industry increased from 82 to 100 and the liabilities from \$2,566,000 to \$6,229,000.

Failures and Liabilities Regionally

The number of business failures in Quebec increased from 282 to 316 in the third quarter of 1969 compared with last year's similar quarter. Liabilities increased from \$23,604,000 to \$25,196,000. In Ontario the number of insolvencies increased from 184 to 209 and the defaulted liabilities rose from \$8,438,000 to \$11,640,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of bankruptcies increased from 39 to 55 and the liabilities declined from \$3,882,000 to \$3,129,000. There were fewer business failures in British Columbia, 23 compared with 30 and the liabilities declined from \$2,466,000 to \$2,309,000 in the 1968-69 third quarter comparison.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Bankruptcies in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 size group increased from 72 to 94 and in the over \$100,000 from 59 to 84 in this quarter comparison.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter 1969 with Comparative Figures for 1968

No.		Third quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	6	7	7	4
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	-	2	4	-	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	1	2	1
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	3	4	3	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	1	8	11	4	5
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	3	6	4	2
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	6	2	1	4
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	-	2	-	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	2	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	2	1	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	1	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	6	4	5	2
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	1	32	38	19	15
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	2	18	21	15	11
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	1	33	32	12	24
17	Total construction industries .....	1	3	51	53	27	35
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	-	16	19	10	25
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	-	-	29	23	12	13
20	General merchandise .....	1	-	2	5	2	3
21	Automotive products .....	-	2	25	25	27	25
22	Apparel and shoes .....	2	2	18	23	9	14
23	Hardware .....	-	-	8	3	5	4
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	-	18	20	9	16
25	Drugs .....	-	-	2	2	-	-
26	Other trades .....	-	1	15	26	17	18
27	Total trade .....	3	5	117	127	81	93
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	15	15	6	3
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	5	3	2
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	5	7	4	3
31	Business services .....	-	-	4	9	4	6
32	Personal services .....	-	-	28	32	19	20
33	Other services .....	-	-	5	4	4	3
34	Total services .....	-	-	45	57	34	34
35	Totals .....	4	9	282	316	184	209

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter 1969 with Comparative Figures for 1968

Third quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	
						\$'000	\$'000	
2	7	4	2	19	20	2,304	761	1
-	1	-	-	2	5	80	388	2
-	-	-	-	3	2	253	68	3
-	-	-	-	6	4	158	350	4
-	2	1	-	13	19	1,190	1,480	5
1	-	-	-	8	8	1,027	1,675	6
-	-	-	-	7	6	263	545	7
-	2	-	-	-	5	-	615	8
-	-	-	-	1	-	423	-	9
-	-	-	-	-	2	-	779	10
-	-	-	-	2	1	43	2,020	11
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	21	12
1	-	-	-	12	6	1,009	643	13
2	5	1	-	54	59	4,446	8,584	14
6	2	2	4	42	40	6,140	4,024	15
5	11	-	4	50	72	1,876	5,123	16
11	13	2	8	92	112	8,016	9,147	17
4	5	1	3	31	52	1,137	1,460	18
4	2	1	-	46	38	1,989	917	19
1	3	-	1	6	12	425	332	20
7	5	5	-	64	57	1,770	3,433	21
3	1	-	2	32	42	972	1,948	22
1	1	4	1	18	9	902	602	23
-	-	5	-	32	36	2,179	1,519	24
-	1	-	-	2	3	89	91	25
1	8	5	-	38	53	2,041	2,417	26
17	21	20	4	238	250	10,367	11,259	27
1	1	1	-	23	19	9,737	5,598	28
-	-	-	-	6	7	386	403	29
1	-	-	3	10	13	286	532	30
-	-	-	1	8	16	227	1,766	31
1	3	1	2	49	57	1,514	2,350	32
-	-	-	-	9	7	153	1,178	33
2	3	1	6	82	100	2,566	6,229	34
39	55	30	23	539	612	38,573	43,038	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total Number	Total Liab. \$'000	Total Number	Food Number	Food Liab. \$'000	Apparel and shoes Number	Apparel Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000	Number	Liab. \$'000
1968-January .....	10	379	80	14	531	17	504	6	572	12	1,056	34	1,448		
February .....	22	852	104	21	1,026	14	367	17	2,299	10	3,005	30	1,303		
March .....	23	3,049	109	27	1,067	10	213	14	606	12	2,670	29	933		
April .....	11	287	90	11	231	9	201	6	158	4	267	38	1,486		
May .....	15	179	85	17	447	7	194	7	235	8	2,272	43	6,635		
June .....	10	279	69	17	868	7	139	7	602	3	563	30	3,923		
July .....	9	171	88	12	356	7	458	13	1,450	7	929	30	768		
August .....	9	138	66	19	990	8	134	10	469	7	361	22	826		
September .....	13	828	84	15	643	17	379	9	260	9	8,447	30	972		
October .....	22	436	96	16	995	12	360	11	591	5	4,556	32	1,704		
November .....	14	325	106	24	601	10	218	11	550	4	128	46	2,549		
December .....	10	328	84	11	336	15	344	3	705	5	182	18	567		
1969-January .....	19	399	108	17	518	16	497	10	389	10	5,527	47	2,262		
February .....	14	247	99	19	1,403	16	684	12	304	8	7,280	38	2,909		
March .....	25	660	97	18	610	21	996	7	237	8	11,601	22	1,044		
April .....	12	550	79	20	759	14	390	7	266	10	2,175	30	2,125		
May .....	13	281	92	23	1,002	9	469	11	339	10	1,590	37	1,213		
June .....	14	303	79	15	480	13	332	6	274	5	301	23	496		
July .....	16	493	67	12	246	5	109	8	280	6	1,158	32	2,414		
August .....	20	552	77	12	286	17	573	11	735	8	2,151	30	1,536		
September .....	16	415	106	14	385	20	1,266	17	504	5	2,290	38	2,280		
October .....															
November .....															
December .....															
Nine months 1968 .....	122	6,162	775	153	6,159	96	2,589	89	6,651	72	19,570	286	18,294		
Nine months 1969 .....	149	3,900	804	150	5,689	131	5,316	89	3,328	70	34,073	297	16,279		

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1968-January .....	8	1,037	109	5,413	73	8,937	5	283	2	21
February .....	4	53	111	9,893	100	4,906	9	805	3	225
March .....	7	225	125	6,201	106	13,738	6	629	3	106
April .....	3	104	100	4,546	78	8,250	5	535	4	214
May .....	3	74	119	12,343	84	3,001	5	186	5	180
June .....	5	61	75	3,381	65	3,644	9	294	2	35
July .....	1	35	82	4,535	75	4,205	6	1,654	5	859
August .....	2	117	85	3,937	49	1,630	2	78	5	200
September .....	1	32	115	15,132	60	2,603	1	137	5	109
October .....	2	71	124	14,103	83	5,482	5	456	4	104
November .....	2	41	124	5,314	75	3,421	4	1,249	7	216
December .....	1	20	79	4,973	73	3,064	7	421	5	71
1969-January .....	2	82	148	10,608	87	6,522	5	115	8	261
February .....	3	179	137	16,437	63	3,291	5	1,466	4	91
March .....	5	105	130	7,043	66	4,446	3	162	7	244
April .....	7	183	100	7,912	75	3,538	6	289	7	433
May .....	8	310	96	6,481	76	3,211	4	182	5	128
June .....	4	833	93	6,784	57	3,959	6	189	3	62
July .....	4	473	79	5,698	58	2,493	5	172	5	970
August .....	2	156	98	7,955	75	4,139	6	145	2	13
September .....	3	134	139	11,543	76	5,008	7	563	6	147
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1968 .....	34	1,738	921	65,381	690	50,914	48	4,601	34	1,949
Nine months 1969 .....	38	2,455	1,020	80,462	633	36,607	47	3,283	47	2,349
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1968-January .....	5	234	10	472	212	16,396	31	6,734	59	2,750
February .....	9	352	11	1,144	247	17,378	47	3,088	52	5,262
March .....	5	285	7	755	259	21,940	42	10,770	62	3,331
April .....	8	1,626	10	1,190	208	16,466	26	4,949	48	1,961
May .....	2	40	13	653	231	16,477	25	803	64	9,930
June .....	8	2,901	11	1,289	175	11,605	19	1,164	43	2,093
July .....	7	387	10	722	186	12,397	28	2,433	41	2,811
August .....	7	441	10	1,050	160	7,453	10	666	39	1,554
September .....	1	16	10	694	193	18,723	23	934	56	9,986
October .....	7	315	10	935	235	21,466	23	3,452	67	10,561
November .....	6	346	10	534	228	11,121	17	603	59	2,792
December .....	8	393	9	371	182	9,314	24	1,569	36	4,357
1969-January .....	5	1,102	3	365	258	19,055	32	3,749	80	7,804
February .....	8	338	9	1,959	229	23,761	19	1,176	68	10,238
March .....	8	290	14	11,938	233	24,229	24	1,975	80	4,323
April .....	4	101	6	1,082	205	13,538	28	1,064	55	5,683
May .....	5	450	12	467	206	11,229	34	1,528	55	4,661
June .....	4	180	9	411	176	12,419	25	2,121	49	4,754
July .....	7	551	6	924	164	11,281	16	1,318	38	2,693
August .....	6	128	9	1,058	198	13,594	19	1,787	53	5,947
September .....	11	441	8	327	250	18,163	29	2,459	64	8,540
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1968 .....	52	6,282	92	7,969	1,871	138,835	251	31,541	464	39,678
Nine months 1969 .....	58	3,581	76	18,531	1,919	147,268	226	17,177	542	54,643



TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1968					1969				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	2	-	6	2	1	1		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	26	19	15	87	16	16	17		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	29	16	16	20	81	15	6	8		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	12	9	8	8	37	14	13	17		
Over \$100,000 .....	16	15	9	16	56	29	27	16		
Totals .....	86	68	54	59	267	76	63	59		
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	4	5	4	15	1	2	5		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	56	59	35	46	196	54	37	32		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	20	23	35	104	24	17	30		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	23	14	23	76	16	20	24		
Over \$100,000 .....	16	13	15	7	51	28	16	21		
Totals .....	116	119	92	115	442	123	92	112		
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	10	12	10	47	8	6	9		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	153	149	113	156	571	153	133	123		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	46	70	67	238	86	62	67		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	47	23	25	27	122	37	31	29		
Over \$100,000 .....	23	16	18	26	83	20	18	22		
Totals .....	293	244	238	286	1,061	304	250	250		
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	6	5	8	5	24	11	5	5		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	46	59	41	50	196	55	53	49		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	23	26	17	25	91	22	19	23		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	9	9	11	6	35	4	5	11		
Over \$100,000 .....	9	12	5	10	36	15	8	12		
Totals .....	93	111	82	96	382	107	90	100		
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	29	23	27	23	102	22	19	25		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	338	334	241	318	1,231	337	281	263		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	170	115	140	162	587	168	123	146		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	100	71	72	73	316	85	86	94		
Over \$100,000 .....	81	71	59	69	280	108	78	84		
Totals .....	718	614	539	645	2,516	720	587	612		
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	17	12	18	12	59	15	13	13		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	152	156	124	159	591	199	129	128		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	92	54	75	84	305	94	64	79		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	45	38	32	31	146	49	42	49		
Over \$100,000 .....	39	34	33	41	147	58	41	47		
Totals .....	345	294	282	327	1,248	415	289	316		
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	11	9	9	41	7	5	10		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	146	126	85	122	479	101	112	98		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	59	43	46	53	201	50	36	48		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	22	27	29	115	26	29	29		
Over \$100,000 .....	25	25	17	18	85	32	26	24		
Totals .....	279	227	184	231	921	216	208	209		

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1968-January .....	77.3	129.6	49.7	122.4	44.8	47.2	45.6	36.6	122.5	42.6
February .....	70.4	13.1	89.1	49.1	65.8	104.1	109.9	59.4	56.0	43.4
March .....	84.7	32.1	49.6	129.6	72.9	107.9	131.0	64.3	73.7	32.2
April .....	79.2	34.7	45.5	105.8	139.7	119.0	261.6	72.0	37.7	39.1
May .....	71.3	24.3	103.7	35.7	33.8	50.2	86.1	50.7	28.8	154.3
June .....	66.3	12.2	45.1	56.1	170.0	117.2	115.6	42.3	39.8	130.8
July .....	66.6	35.0	55.3	56.1	161.1	72.2	102.8	85.4	51.8	25.6
August .....	46.6	58.5	46.3	33.3	51.4	105.0	67.8	66.7	39.3	37.5
September .....	97.0	32.0	131.6	43.4	37.4	69.4	82.2	106.2	38.3	32.4
October .....	91.3	35.5	113.7	66.0	54.7	93.5	148.5	92.2	61.1	53.2
November .....	48.8	20.5	42.8	45.6	106.5	53.4	135.2	41.0	38.6	55.4
December .....	51.2	20.0	62.9	42.0	44.2	41.2	136.5	43.6	47.4	31.5
1969-January .....	73.9	41.0	71.7	75.0	82.1	121.7	153.5	75.2	36.5	48.1
February .....	103.8	59.7	120.0	52.2	111.5	217.7	150.6	96.2	58.0	76.6
March .....	104.0	21.1	54.2	67.4	38.7	852.7	99.2	76.0	40.4	47.5
April .....	66.4	26.1	79.1	47.2	48.4	180.3	112.4	59.3	39.3	70.8
May .....	54.5	38.8	67.5	42.2	54.4	38.9	164.3	41.7	39.4	32.8
June .....	70.6	208.2	72.9	69.5	33.2	45.7	195.1	104.0	51.1	21.6
July .....	68.8	118.2	72.1	43.0	99.6	154.0	135.4	125.4	32.8	75.4
August .....	68.7	78.0	81.2	55.2	20.4	117.6	132.7	64.5	56.3	51.2
September .....	72.7	44.7	83.0	65.9	48.0	40.9	157.3	75.8	44.6	60.0
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1968 ....	74.2	51.1	71.0	73.8	95.8	86.6	82.3	87.1	43.6	64.0
Nine months 1969 ....	76.7	64.6	78.9	57.8	60.6	243.8	145.5	81.7	45.0	54.8

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1968-January .....	98	2	38	43	8	7	41	35	6	-
February .....	144	2	45	80	10	7	37	24	7	6
March .....	112	2	38	57	14	1	32	23	4	5
April .....	103	2	29	61	7	4	45	32	11	2
May .....	131	2	45	68	12	4	34	25	6	3
June .....	129	3	50	64	8	4	20	15	3	2
July .....	87	2	36	43	2	4	11	9	1	1
August .....	96	3	34	47	10	2	26	18	5	3
September .....	125	3	46	61	9	6	29	24	5	-
October .....	104	2	37	48	12	5	26	24	2	-
November .....	132	2	51	58	9	12	27	21	6	-
December .....	101	1	45	44	3	8	22	16	5	1
1969-January .....	112	1	46	53	3	9	29	28	-	1
February .....	133	3	61	57	4	8	33	31	2	-
March .....	148	1	50	87	7	3	37	31	6	-
April .....	97	1	28	52	7	9	31	23	4	4
May .....	128	1	42	75	8	2	20	15	4	1
June .....	105	3	37	53	6	6	17	14	3	-
July .....	97	-	39	53	3	2	21	17	3	1
August .....	94	1	39	41	5	8	12	10	2	-
September .....	124	3	41	70	6	4	25	20	4	1
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1968 ....	1,025	21	361	524	80	39	275	205	48	22
Nine months 1969 ....	1,038	14	383	541	49	51	225	189	28	8

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

FOURTH QUARTER 1969

According to preliminary figures the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 769 during the fourth quarter of 1969, an increase of 19 per cent from the revised total of 645 insolvencies recorded for the fourth quarter of 1968. The estimated liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$62,687,000, higher by 49.6 per cent than the total of \$41,901,000 recorded for the same quarter of 1968.

The total number of business failures in 1969 was 2,695, higher by 7 per cent than the revised total of 2,516 for 1968. The estimated liabilities increased from \$180,735,000 to \$210,950,000 in the 1968-69 comparison.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of business failures occurred in the trade sector with 1,149 compared with 1,061 in 1968. Liabilities decreased from \$56,557,000 to \$50,668,000 in the trade industry. In the manufacturing industry the number of failures was 277 in 1969 as compared with 267 in 1968 and the liabilities increased from \$32,081,000 to \$40,046,000. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was 440 in 1969 as compared with 442 in 1968 and the liabilities increased from \$27,608,000 to \$35,959,000. In the financial sector the number of failures increased from 86 to 98 and the liabilities from \$24,436,000 to \$46,968,000 in the 1968-69 comparison. The number of insolvent firms in the service industries was 417 in 1969 compared with 382 in 1968 and the liabilities increased from \$23,114,000 to \$23,910,000.

#### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 1,421 business failures in Quebec during 1969 compared with 1,248 in 1968. Estimated liabilities increased sharply from \$89,771,000 to \$118,430,000. In Ontario the number of bankruptcies was 895 in 1969 compared with 921 in 1968. Defaulted liabilities declined from \$62,881,000 to \$51,079,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of business failures increased from 187 to 211 but the liabilities declined from \$16,403,000 in 1968 to \$13,205,000 in 1969. In British Columbia the number of bankruptcies were lower, 116 compared to 121 but the liabilities rose from \$9,810,000 to \$25,098,000.

#### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Bankruptcies in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range increased from 587 to 609, in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 size group from 316 to 364 and in over \$100,000 size group from 280 to 384 in the 1968-69 comparison.

#### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1969 with Comparative Figures for 1968

No.		Fourth Quarter									
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces		British Columbia	
		1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	1	7	10	20	18	-	5	2	2
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>										
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	1	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	9	11	-	5	-	-	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	5	5	7	5	1	1	3	-
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	9	5	2	4	1	-	-	1
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	-	5	4	3	5	1	3	1	2
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	2	6	2	3	-	1	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	-	1	35	40	17	28	3	7	4	3
	<u>Construction industries:</u>										
15	General contractors .....	-	-	21	18	13	15	5	5	1	6
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	1	26	34	35	20	9	8	5	5
17	Total construction industries .....	-	1	47	52	48	35	14	13	6	11
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	2	-	16	22	17	19	8	9	3	3
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>										
19	Food .....	-	1	27	58	20	20	4	2	2	4
20	General merchandise .....	-	-	4	6	4	7	3	-	-	-
21	Automotive products .....	1	2	35	34	22	39	11	8	5	3
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	2	25	20	11	10	1	1	1	-
23	Hardware .....	-	-	10	13	2	8	1	-	-	-
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	-	15	17	8	11	2	3	-	3
25	Drugs .....	2	-	4	3	1	-	1	1	-	-
26	Other trades .....	-	1	34	41	24	21	3	3	3	2
27	Total trade .....	3	6	154	192	92	116	26	18	11	12
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	-	8	18	5	8	-	-	1	2
	<u>Services:</u>										
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	6	3	1	3	-	1	-	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	3	6	6	3	5	-	-	-	-
31	Business services .....	-	-	5	7	8	5	-	-	2	1
32	Personal services .....	-	1	37	43	18	19	2	3	-	4
33	Other services .....	-	-	6	5	2	6	-	1	-	1
34	Total services .....	-	4	60	64	32	38	2	5	2	6
35	Totals .....	5	13	327	398	231	262	53	57	29	39

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1969 with Comparative Figures for 1968 - Concluded

Total Fourth Quarter				The Year				No.
Number		Liabilities		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	
		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000	
29	36	1,903	1,819	110	111	9,688	5,609	1
2	5	1,654	450	11	25	2,007	3,373	2
2	3	660	2,085	13	9	1,738	3,269	3
9	16	727	1,101	33	39	1,966	4,185	4
16	11	2,879	838	62	64	7,575	4,874	5
12	10	1,440	1,032	48	32	3,926	3,432	6
10	14	420	2,372	49	43	8,126	7,583	7
2	3	325	1,299	3	10	825	2,139	8
1	4	29	655	9	9	2,603	1,355	9
-	2	-	517	-	8	-	1,854	10
1	1	208	81	7	6	893	4,058	11
-	-	-	-	3	2	58	49	12
4	10	67	1,742	29	30	2,364	3,875	13
59	79	8,409	12,172	267	277	32,081	40,046	14
40	44	4,221	3,746	177	168	16,542	15,962	15
75	68	2,648	6,385	265	272	11,066	19,997	16
115	112	6,869	10,131	442	440	27,608	35,959	17
46	53	1,089	3,148	168	203	7,251	7,790	18
53	85	1,962	3,539	206	235	8,121	9,229	19
11	13	505	330	40	49	1,586	2,671	20
74	86	2,791	4,027	270	252	7,372	9,923	21
38	33	942	965	134	164	3,531	6,281	22
13	21	2,320	1,480	77	66	6,181	4,824	23
25	34	1,846	1,690	114	123	8,497	5,017	24
8	4	344	279	18	12	820	591	25
64	68	3,234	2,695	202	248	20,449	12,133	26
286	344	13,944	15,005	1,061	1,149	56,557	50,668	27
14	28	4,866	12,895	86	98	24,436	46,968	28
7	7	312	276	27	25	1,212	1,067	29
9	14	571	451	33	41	6,256	1,262	30
15	13	1,092	911	57	60	5,373	6,290	31
57	70	2,670	5,445	230	250	9,304	13,253	32
8	13	176	434	35	41	969	2,038	33
96	117	4,821	7,517	382	417	23,114	23,910	34
645	769	41,901	62,687	2,516	2,695	180,735	210,950	35





TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total			Food			Apparel and shoes			Total			Total		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
1968-January .....	10	379		80	9,803		17	504		12	1,056		34	1,448	
February .....	22	852		104	5,821		14	367		10	3,005		30	1,303	
March .....	23	3,049		109	8,029		10	213		12	2,670		29	933	
April .....	11	287		90	3,394		9	201		4	267		38	1,486	
May .....	15	179		85	2,453		7	194		8	2,272		43	6,635	
June .....	10	279		69	2,745		7	139		3	563		30	3,923	
July .....	9	171		88	4,558		7	458		7	929		30	768	
August .....	9	138		66	2,592		8	134		7	361		22	826	
September .....	13	828		84	3,218		17	379		9	8,447		30	972	
October .....	22	436		96	5,868		12	360		5	4,556		32	1,704	
November .....	14	325		106	4,096		11	238		4	128		46	2,549	
December .....	10	328		84	3,980		15	344		5	182		18	567	
1969-January .....	19	399		108	3,940		16	497		10	5,527		47	2,262	
February .....	14	247		99	5,738		16	684		8	7,280		38	2,909	
March .....	25	660		97	3,917		21	996		8	11,601		22	1,044	
April .....	12	550		79	3,107		14	390		10	2,175		31	2,158	
May .....	13	281		92	3,624		9	469		10	1,590		37	1,213	
June .....	15	1,045		79	4,068		13	332		5	301		23	496	
July .....	16	493		67	2,197		5	109		6	1,158		32	2,414	
August .....	20	552		77	4,337		17	573		8	2,151		31	1,574	
September .....	16	415		107	4,735		20	1,266		5	2,289		39	2,323	
October .....	16	961		112	4,146		8	171		5	9,252		30	1,199	
November .....	22	1,926		118	4,585		12	391		14	1,596		43	1,464	
December .....	15	261		114	6,274		13	403		9	2,048		44	4,854	
Twelve months 1968 .....	168	7,251		1,061	56,557		134	3,531		86	24,436		382	23,114	
Twelve months 1969 .....	203	7,790		1,149	50,668		164	6,281		98	46,968		417	23,910	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1968-January .....	8	1,037	109	5,413	73	8,937	5	283	2	21
February .....	4	53	111	9,893	100	4,906	9	805	3	225
March .....	7	225	125	6,201	106	13,738	6	629	3	106
April .....	3	104	100	4,546	78	8,250	5	535	4	214
May .....	3	74	119	12,343	84	3,001	5	186	5	180
June .....	5	61	75	3,381	65	3,644	9	294	2	35
July .....	1	35	82	4,535	75	4,205	6	1,654	5	859
August .....	2	117	85	3,937	49	1,630	2	78	5	200
September .....	1	32	115	15,132	60	2,603	1	137	5	109
October .....	2	71	124	14,103	83	5,482	5	456	4	104
November .....	2	41	124	5,314	75	3,421	4	1,249	7	216
December .....	1	20	79	4,973	73	3,064	7	421	5	71
1969-January .....	2	82	148	10,608	87	6,522	5	115	8	261
February .....	3	179	137	16,437	63	3,291	5	1,466	4	91
March .....	5	106	130	7,043	66	4,446	3	162	7	244
April .....	7	183	100	7,912	75	3,538	6	289	7	433
May .....	8	310	96	6,481	76	3,211	4	182	5	128
June .....	4	833	94	7,527	57	3,959	6	189	3	62
July .....	4	473	79	5,698	58	2,493	5	172	5	970
August .....	2	156	98	7,955	75	4,139	6	145	2	13
September .....	4	214	141	11,596	76	5,008	7	563	6	147
October .....	1	11	123	17,126	90	5,310	2	17	6	265
November .....	8	423	142	7,960	86	4,045	3	1,469	9	437
December .....	4	168	133	12,087	86	5,117	8	697	2	191
Twelve months 1968 ....	39	1,870	1,248	89,771	921	62,881	64	6,727	50	2,340
Twelve months 1969 ....	52	3,138	1,421	118,430	895	51,079	60	5,466	64	3,242
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1968-January .....	5	234	10	472	212	16,396	31	6,734	59	2,750
February .....	9	352	11	1,144	247	17,378	47	3,088	52	5,262
March .....	5	285	7	755	259	21,940	42	10,770	62	3,331
April .....	8	1,626	10	1,190	208	16,465	26	4,949	48	1,961
May .....	2	40	13	653	231	16,477	25	803	64	9,930
June .....	8	2,901	11	1,289	175	11,605	19	1,164	43	2,093
July .....	7	387	10	722	186	12,397	28	2,433	41	2,811
August .....	7	441	10	1,050	160	7,453	10	666	39	1,554
September .....	1	16	10	694	193	18,723	23	934	56	9,986
October .....	7	315	10	935	235	21,466	23	3,452	67	10,561
November .....	6	346	10	534	228	11,121	17	603	59	2,792
December .....	8	393	9	372	182	9,314	24	1,569	36	4,357
1969-January .....	5	1,102	3	365	258	19,055	32	3,749	80	7,804
February .....	8	338	9	1,959	229	23,761	19	1,176	68	10,238
March .....	8	290	14	11,938	233	24,229	24	1,975	80	4,323
April .....	5	133	6	1,082	206	13,570	28	1,064	55	5,683
May .....	5	450	12	467	206	11,229	34	1,528	55	4,661
June .....	4	180	9	411	177	13,161	25	2,121	49	4,754
July .....	7	551	6	924	164	11,281	16	1,318	38	2,693
August .....	7	166	9	1,058	199	13,632	19	1,787	53	5,947
September .....	11	441	9	377	254	18,346	29	2,459	65	8,583
October .....	5	156	16	1,721	243	24,606	24	2,036	71	12,731
November .....	10	233	9	1,506	267	16,073	37	2,359	75	4,698
December .....	12	457	14	3,290	259	22,007	25	2,459	85	8,197
Twelve months 1968 ....	73	7,336	121	9,810	2,516	180,735	315	37,165	626	57,388
Twelve months 1969 ....	87	4,497	116	25,098	2,695	210,950	312	24,031	774	80,312

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1968					1969				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	2	2	-	6	2	1	1	-	4
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	27	26	19	15	87	16	16	17	20	69
25,000 " 50,000 ....	29	16	16	20	81	15	6	8	17	46
50,000 " 100,000 ....	12	9	8	8	37	14	13	17	10	54
Over \$100,000 .....	16	15	9	16	56	29	27	16	32	104
Totals .....	86	68	54	59	267	76	63	59	79	277
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	4	5	4	15	1	2	5	1	9
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	56	59	35	46	196	54	37	32	45	168
25,000 " 50,000 ....	26	20	23	35	104	24	17	30	24	95
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	23	14	23	76	16	20	25	21	82
Over \$100,000 .....	16	13	15	7	51	28	16	21	21	86
Totals .....	116	119	92	115	442	123	92	113	112	440
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	10	12	10	47	8	6	9	14	37
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	153	149	113	156	571	153	133	124	182	592
25,000 " 50,000 ....	55	46	70	67	238	86	62	67	80	295
50,000 " 100,000 ....	47	23	25	27	122	37	31	29	40	137
Over \$100,000 .....	23	16	18	26	83	20	18	22	28	88
Totals .....	293	244	238	286	1,061	304	250	251	344	1,149
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	6	5	8	5	24	11	5	5	4	25
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	46	59	41	50	196	55	53	49	61	218
25,000 " 50,000 ....	23	26	17	25	91	22	20	25	23	90
50,000 " 100,000 ....	9	9	11	6	35	4	5	11	16	36
Over \$100,000 .....	9	12	5	10	36	15	8	12	13	48
Totals .....	93	111	82	96	382	107	91	102	117	417
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	29	23	27	23	102	22	19	25	22	88
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	338	334	241	318	1,231	337	281	264	368	1,250
25,000 " 50,000 ....	170	115	140	162	587	168	124	148	169	609
50,000 " 100,000 ....	100	71	72	73	316	85	86	96	97	364
Over \$100,000 .....	81	71	59	69	280	108	79	84	113	384
Totals .....	718	614	539	645	2,516	720	589	617	769	2,695
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	17	12	18	12	59	15	13	13	15	56
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	152	156	124	159	591	199	129	129	189	646
25,000 " 50,000 ....	92	54	75	84	305	94	64	80	90	328
50,000 " 100,000 ....	45	38	32	31	146	49	42	49	44	184
Over \$100,000 .....	39	34	33	41	147	58	42	47	60	207
Totals .....	345	294	282	327	1,248	415	290	318	398	1,421
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	11	9	9	41	7	5	10	5	27
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	146	126	85	122	479	101	112	98	125	436
25,000 " 50,000 ....	59	43	46	53	201	50	36	48	61	195
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	22	27	29	115	26	29	29	40	124
Over \$100,000 .....	25	25	17	18	85	32	26	24	31	113
Totals .....	279	227	184	231	921	216	208	209	262	895

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1968-January .....	77.3	129.6	49.7	122.4	44.8	47.2	45.6	36.6	122.5	42.6
February .....	70.4	13.1	89.1	49.1	65.8	104.1	109.9	59.4	56.0	43.4
March .....	84.7	32.1	49.6	129.6	72.9	107.9	131.0	64.3	73.7	32.2
April .....	79.2	34.7	45.5	105.8	139.7	119.0	261.6	72.0	37.7	39.1
May .....	71.3	24.3	103.7	35.7	33.8	50.2	86.1	50.7	28.8	154.3
June .....	66.3	12.2	45.1	56.1	170.0	117.2	115.6	42.3	39.8	130.8
July .....	66.6	35.0	55.3	56.1	161.1	72.2	102.8	85.4	51.8	25.6
August .....	46.6	58.5	46.3	33.3	51.4	105.0	67.8	66.7	39.3	37.5
September .....	97.0	32.0	131.6	43.4	37.4	69.4	82.2	106.2	38.3	32.4
October .....	91.3	35.5	113.7	66.0	54.7	93.5	148.5	92.2	61.1	53.2
November .....	48.8	20.5	42.8	45.6	106.5	53.4	135.2	41.0	38.6	55.4
December .....	51.2	20.0	62.9	42.0	44.2	41.2	136.5	43.6	47.4	31.5
1969-January .....	73.9	41.0	71.7	75.0	82.1	121.7	153.5	75.2	36.5	48.1
February .....	103.8	59.7	120.0	52.2	111.5	217.7	150.6	96.2	58.0	76.6
March .....	104.0	21.1	54.2	67.4	38.7	852.7	99.2	76.0	40.4	47.5
April .....	65.9	26.1	79.1	47.2	47.4	180.3	112.4	59.3	39.3	69.6
May .....	54.5	38.8	67.5	42.2	54.4	38.9	164.3	41.7	39.4	32.8
June .....	74.4	208.2	80.1	69.5	33.2	45.7	195.1	104.0	51.1	21.6
July .....	68.8	118.2	72.1	43.0	99.6	154.0	135.4	125.4	32.8	75.4
August .....	68.5	78.0	81.2	55.2	21.5	117.6	132.7	64.5	56.3	50.8
September .....	72.2	53.5	82.2	65.9	48.0	41.9	157.3	75.9	44.3	59.6
October .....	101.3	11.0	139.2	59.0	33.7	107.6	196.5	76.0	37.0	40.0
November .....	60.2	52.9	53.2	47.0	97.3	167.3	119.5	82.8	38.9	34.0
December .....	85.0	42.0	90.9	59.5	61.1	235.0	144.7	114.5	55.0	110.3
Twelve months 1968 ..	71.8	47.9	71.9	68.3	87.7	81.1	120.2	62.5	53.3	60.5
Twelve months 1969 ..	78.3	60.2	83.3	57.1	62.6	216.4	144.6	81.7	44.1	57.3

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1968-January .....	98	2	38	43	8	7	41	35	6	-
February .....	144	2	45	80	10	7	37	24	7	6
March .....	112	2	38	57	14	1	32	23	4	5
April .....	103	2	29	61	7	4	45	32	11	2
May .....	131	2	45	68	12	4	34	25	6	3
June .....	129	3	50	64	8	4	20	15	3	2
July .....	87	2	36	43	2	4	11	9	1	1
August .....	96	3	34	47	10	2	26	18	5	3
September .....	125	3	46	61	9	6	29	24	5	-
October .....	104	2	37	48	12	5	26	24	2	-
November .....	132	2	51	58	9	12	27	21	6	-
December .....	101	1	45	44	3	8	22	16	5	1
1969-January .....	112	1	46	53	3	9	29	28	-	1
February .....	133	3	61	57	4	8	33	31	2	-
March .....	148	1	50	87	7	3	37	31	6	-
April .....	97	1	28	52	7	9	31	23	4	4
May .....	128	1	42	75	8	2	20	15	4	1
June .....	105	3	37	53	6	6	17	14	3	-
July .....	97	-	39	53	3	2	21	17	3	1
August .....	94	1	39	41	5	8	12	10	2	-
September .....	124	3	41	70	6	4	25	20	4	1
October .....	134	-	41	73	14	6	25	19	6	-
November .....	130	2	55	57	13	3	23	17	5	1
December .....	140	1	42	76	13	8	27	25	1	1
Twelve months 1968 ..	1,362	26	494	674	104	64	350	266	61	23
Twelve months 1969 ..	1,442	17	521	747	89	68	300	250	40	10



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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

#### FIRST QUARTER 1970

During the first quarter of 1970 there were 862 failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts as compared with 720 during the same period of 1969. Estimated liabilities involved amounted to \$61,174,000, lower by 8 per cent than the first quarter 1969 total of \$67,045,000. The average value of liabilities per failure was \$71,000, appreciably lower than last year's first quarter average of \$93,100.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past, the greatest number of business failures occurred in the trade industry with 359 in comparison with 304 in the 1969-70 first quarter. Insolvencies in food, automotive products and clothing stores showed increases but the defaulted liabilities were somewhat lower in the total trade industry. In the manufacturing industry the number of failures increased from 76 to 90 and the liabilities from \$9,817,000 to \$10,799,000. In the construction industry the number of bankruptcies increased from 123 to 151 and the liabilities from \$10,167,000 to \$15,237,000. In the service industry the number of failures increased from 107 to 137 and the liabilities from \$6,215,000 to \$9,078,000.

#### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 448 business failures in Quebec in the first quarter of 1970 as compared with 415 for the same period of 1969. Liabilities increased from \$34,088,000 to \$39,939,000. In Ontario the number of insolvencies increased from 216 to 298 and the defaulted liabilities rose from \$14,259,000 to \$15,077,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of business failures increased from 53 to 63 whilst the liabilities declined from \$4,069,000 to \$2,454,000. The number of bankruptcies in British Columbia increased from 26 to 43 but the liabilities showed a sharp decline from \$14,262,000 to \$3,072,000.

#### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Failures in all five size groups showed increases in the 1969-70 first quarter comparison.

#### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

First Quarter 1970 with Comparative Figures for 1969

No.		First quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	—	1	12	9	11	18
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	—	—	4	5	3	—
3	Textile industries .....	—	—	—	1	3	—
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	—	—	7	9	1	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	—	—	14	11	4	5
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	—	—	6	7	2	5
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	—	—	5	8	6	9
8	Machinery industries .....	—	—	1	1	—	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	—	—	—	2	3	3
10	Electrical products industries .....	—	—	—	3	2	1
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	—	—	3	—	—	—
12	Chemical industries .....	—	—	1	3	—	—
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	—	—	7	5	2	3
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	—	—	48	55	26	28
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	—	30	26	12	25
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	2	44	43	21	39
17	Total construction industries .....	2	2	74	69	33	64
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	—	—	28	18	21	21
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	—	1	35	46	16	15
20	General merchandise .....	1	—	11	5	2	6
21	Automotive products .....	4	3	24	37	17	27
22	Apparel and shoes .....	—	—	44	45	7	19
23	Hardware .....	1	—	11	13	2	4
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	—	—	15	16	13	14
25	Drugs .....	—	—	—	3	1	1
26	Other trades .....	1	1	31	31	29	34
27	Total trade .....	7	5	171	196	87	120
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	—	1	13	18	8	5
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	—	—	6	3	1	2
30	Recreational services .....	—	—	6	4	1	8
31	Business services .....	—	—	9	10	6	8
32	Personal services .....	1	1	40	60	20	20
33	Other services .....	—	—	8	6	1	5
34	Total services .....	1	1	69	83	29	43
35	Totals .....	10	10	415	448	216	298

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
First Quarter 1970 with Comparative Figures for 1969 - Concluded

First quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
1969	1970	1969	1970	Number		Liabilities		
				1969	1970	1969	1970	
						\$'000	\$'000	
2	8	1	8	26	44	1,537	3,159	1
-	1	-	1	7	7	866	256	2
-	-	-	-	3	1	1,055	39	3
-	-	-	-	8	10	487	456	4
-	1	-	2	18	19	1,340	2,131	5
-	-	-	-	8	12	278	685	6
-	-	1	-	12	17	1,919	1,278	7
-	-	-	-	1	2	109	54	8
1	-	-	1	4	6	575	1,493	9
-	-	-	-	2	4	387	329	10
-	-	-	-	3	-	1,827	-	11
-	-	-	-	1	3	28	2,122	12
-	1	-	-	9	9	946	1,956	13
1	3	1	4	76	90	9,817	10,799	14
3	4	1	1	48	55	5,311	5,761	15
6	5	3	7	75	96	4,856	9,476	16
9	9	4	8	123	151	10,167	15,237	17
7	5	2	7	58	51	1,306	2,463	18
1	8	2	1	54	71	2,531	3,460	19
4	1	-	-	18	12	1,728	581	20
11	9	1	3	57	79	1,475	2,779	21
1	3	1	-	53	67	2,178	1,880	22
3	4	2	-	19	21	1,726	760	23
-	-	1	2	29	32	930	1,410	24
-	-	1	1	2	5	65	276	25
11	3	-	3	72	72	2,962	2,396	26
31	28	8	10	304	359	13,595	13,542	27
-	2	5	4	26	30	24,408	6,896	28
-	-	-	-	7	5	200	125	29
-	1	-	-	7	13	117	539	30
-	4	1	-	16	22	2,841	3,295	31
2	3	4	2	67	86	2,893	4,933	32
1	-	-	-	10	11	164	186	33
3	8	5	2	107	137	6,215	9,078	34
53	63	26	43	720	862	67,045	61,174	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

	Total industries			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries						Construction industry		
	Number	Liab.	Total	Number	Liab.	Total	Wood industries including furniture	Primary and fabricated metals industries	Machinery industries	Transportation equipment industries	Total	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000			\$'000		\$'000						\$'000		\$'000
1969-January .....	258	19,055		9	237		7	4	—	2		42	3,159		
February .....	229	23,761		8	533		5	3	—	2		42	4,042		
March .....	233	24,229		9	767		6	5	1	—		39	2,966		
April .....	206	13,570		9	292		8	6	—	1		38	2,252		
May .....	206	11,229		12	441		5	1	1	—		23	959		
June .....	177	13,161		7	710		3	4	—	—		31	3,223		
July .....	164	11,281		5	103		4	1	1	—		23	2,885		
August .....	200	13,682		5	255		4	2	—	—		43	2,773		
September .....	254	18,346		11	452		11	3	4	—		47	3,569		
October .....	245	24,670		7	250		5	4	1	1		46	3,494		
November .....	267	16,082		15	996		3	3	1	—		29	2,400		
December .....	260	22,039		14	573		3	7	1	3		37	4,237		
1970-January .....	280	17,465		12	1,323		7	6	—	3		46	3,110		
February .....	301	24,488		15	480		5	6	1	2		50	8,937		
March .....	281	19,221		17	1,356		7	5	1	1		55	3,190		
April .....															
May .....															
June .....															
July .....															
August .....															
September .....															
October .....															
November .....															
December .....															
Three months 1969 .....	720	67,045		26	1,537		18	12	1	4		123	10,167		
Three months 1970 .....	862	61,174		44	3,159		19	17	2	6		151	15,237		

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Food			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number
		\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000	
1969-January .....	19	399	108	3,940	518	17	518	16	497	10	389	10	5,527	47	2,262			
February .....	14	247	99	5,738	1,403	19	1,403	16	685	12	304	8	7,280	38	2,909			
March .....	25	660	97	3,917	610	18	610	21	996	7	237	8	11,601	22	1,044			
April .....	12	550	79	3,107	760	20	760	14	390	7	266	10	2,175	31	2,158			
May .....	13	281	92	3,624	1,002	23	1,002	9	469	11	339	10	1,590	37	1,213			
June .....	15	1,045	79	4,068	480	15	480	13	332	6	273	5	301	23	496			
July .....	16	493	67	2,197	246	12	246	5	109	8	280	6	1,158	32	2,414			
August .....	20	552	77	4,337	286	12	286	17	573	11	735	9	2,201	31	1,574			
September .....	16	415	107	4,735	385	14	385	20	1,266	17	504	5	2,289	39	2,323			
October .....	16	961	112	4,146	1,122	31	1,122	8	171	11	464	6	9,291	30	1,199			
November .....	22	1,935	118	4,585	1,546	29	1,546	12	391	15	523	14	1,596	43	1,464			
December .....	15	261	115	6,305	871	25	871	14	435	8	703	9	2,048	44	4,854			
1970-January .....	15	1,333	125	4,567	1,284	21	1,284	25	533	12	610	8	2,201	41	1,409			
February .....	18	776	123	4,516	872	23	872	25	667	11	318	13	1,028	50	5,505			
March .....	18	354	111	4,459	1,304	27	1,304	17	680	9	482	9	3,667	46	2,164			
April .....																		
May .....																		
June .....																		
July .....																		
August .....																		
September .....																		
October .....																		
November .....																		
December .....																		
Three months 1969 .....	58	1,306	304	13,595	2,531	54	2,531	53	2,178	29	930	26	24,408	107	6,215			
Three months 1970 .....	51	2,463	359	13,542	3,460	71	3,460	67	1,880	32	1,410	30	6,896	137	9,078			



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1969 -January .....	2	82	148	10,608	87	6,522	5	115	8	261
February .....	3	179	137	16,437	63	3,291	5	1,466	4	91
March .....	5	106	130	7,043	66	4,446	3	162	7	244
April .....	7	183	100	7,912	75	3,538	6	289	7	433
May .....	8	310	96	6,481	76	3,211	4	182	5	128
June .....	4	833	94	7,527	57	3,959	6	189	3	62
July .....	4	473	79	5,698	58	2,493	5	172	5	970
August .....	2	156	98	7,955	75	4,139	6	145	2	13
September .....	4	214	141	11,596	76	5,008	7	563	6	147
October .....	1	11	125	17,191	90	5,310	2	17	6	265
November .....	8	423	142	7,968	86	4,045	3	1,469	9	437
December .....	4	168	134	12,118	86	5,117	8	697	2	191
1970 -January .....	4	242	148	11,151	97	5,223	8	222	8	239
February .....	2	247	160	16,215	104	6,089	8	476	3	66
March .....	4	143	140	12,573	97	3,765	5	93	4	129
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1969 .....	10	367	415	34,088	216	14,259	13	1,743	19	596
Three months 1970 .....	10	632	448	39,939	298	15,077	21	791	15	434
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1969 -January .....	5	1,102	3	365	258	19,055	32	3,749	80	7,804
February .....	8	338	9	1,959	229	23,761	19	1,176	68	10,238
March .....	8	290	14	11,938	233	24,229	24	1,975	80	4,323
April .....	5	133	6	1,082	206	13,570	28	1,064	55	5,683
May .....	5	450	12	467	206	11,229	34	1,528	55	4,661
June .....	4	180	9	411	177	13,161	25	2,121	49	4,754
July .....	7	551	6	924	164	11,281	16	1,318	38	2,693
August .....	7	166	10	1,108	200	13,682	19	1,787	53	5,947
September .....	11	441	9	377	254	18,346	29	2,459	65	8,583
October .....	5	156	16	1,721	245	24,670	24	2,036	71	12,731
November .....	10	233	9	1,506	267	16,082	37	2,359	75	4,698
December .....	12	457	14	3,290	260	22,039	25	2,459	85	8,197
1970 -January .....	6	136	9	252	280	17,465	40	1,875	76	5,748
February .....	11	480	13	915	301	24,488	41	3,507	96	13,410
March .....	10	613	21	1,905	281	19,221	41	1,748	77	10,535
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1969 .....	21	1,730	26	14,262	720	67,045	75	6,900	228	22,365
Three months 1970 .....	27	1,229	43	3,072	862	61,174	122	7,130	249	29,693

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1969					1970				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	1	1	-	4	2				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	16	16	17	20	69	25				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	15	6	8	18	47	22				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	13	17	10	54	17				
Over \$100,000 .....	29	27	16	32	104	24				
Totals .....	76	63	59	80	278	90				
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	1	2	5	1	9	4				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	54	37	32	45	168	53				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	24	17	30	24	95	43				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	20	25	21	82	19				
Over \$100,000 .....	28	16	21	21	86	32				
Totals .....	123	92	113	112	440	151				
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	6	9	14	37	13				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	153	133	124	182	592	188				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	86	62	67	81	296	86				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	31	29	40	137	46				
Over \$100,000 .....	20	18	22	28	88	26				
Totals .....	304	250	251	345	1,150	359				
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	5	5	4	25	5				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	55	53	49	61	218	70				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	20	25	23	90	28				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	4	5	11	16	36	15				
Over \$100,000 .....	15	8	12	13	48	19				
Totals .....	107	91	102	117	417	137				
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	22	19	25	22	88	27				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	337	281	264	368	1,250	395				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	168	124	148	172	612	208				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	85	86	97	97	365	111				
Over \$100,000 .....	108	79	84	113	384	121				
Totals .....	720	589	618	772	2,699	862				
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	13	13	15	56	14				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	199	129	129	189	646	203				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	94	64	80	93	331	97				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	49	42	49	44	184	57				
Over \$100,000 .....	58	42	47	60	207	77				
Totals .....	415	290	318	401	1,424	448				
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	7	5	10	5	27	12				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	101	112	98	125	436	140				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	50	36	48	61	195	76				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	26	29	29	40	124	38				
Over \$100,000 .....	32	26	24	31	113	32				
Totals .....	216	208	209	262	895	298				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1969-January .....	73.9	41.0	71.7	75.0	82.1	121.7	153.5	75.2	36.5	48.1
February .....	103.8	59.7	120.0	52.2	111.5	217.7	105.6	96.2	58.0	76.6
March .....	104.0	21.1	54.2	67.4	38.7	852.7	99.2	76.0	40.4	47.5
April .....	65.9	26.1	79.1	47.2	47.4	180.3	112.4	59.3	39.3	69.6
May .....	54.5	38.8	67.5	42.2	54.4	38.9	164.3	41.7	39.4	32.8
June .....	74.4	208.2	80.1	69.5	33.2	45.7	195.1	104.0	51.1	21.6
July .....	68.8	118.2	72.1	43.0	99.6	154.0	135.4	125.4	32.8	75.4
August .....	68.4	78.0	81.2	55.2	21.5	110.8	132.7	64.5	56.3	50.8
September .....	72.2	53.5	82.2	65.9	48.0	41.9	157.3	75.9	44.3	59.6
October .....	100.7	11.0	137.5	59.0	33.7	107.6	190.4	76.0	37.0	40.0
November .....	60.2	52.9	56.1	47.0	97.3	167.3	119.5	82.8	38.9	34.0
December .....	84.8	42.0	90.4	59.5	61.1	235.0	144.7	114.5	54.8	110.3
1970-January .....	62.4	60.5	75.3	53.8	27.1	28.0	106.7	67.6	36.5	34.4
February .....	81.4	123.5	101.3	58.5	46.5	70.4	101.5	178.7	36.7	110.1
March .....	68.4	35.8	89.8	38.8	43.9	90.7	161.2	58.0	40.2	47.0
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1969 ...	93.1	36.7	82.1	66.0	76.8	548.5	129.2	82.7	44.7	58.1
Three months 1970 ...	71.0	63.2	89.1	50.6	39.0	71.4	120.0	100.9	37.7	66.3

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1969-January .....	112	1	46	53	3	9	29	28	—	1
February .....	133	3	61	57	4	8	33	31	2	—
March .....	148	1	50	87	7	3	37	31	6	—
April .....	97	1	28	52	7	9	31	23	4	4
May .....	128	1	42	75	8	2	20	15	4	1
June .....	105	3	37	53	6	6	17	14	3	—
July .....	97	—	39	53	3	2	21	17	3	1
August .....	94	1	39	41	5	8	12	10	2	—
September .....	124	3	41	70	6	4	25	20	4	1
October .....	136	1	42	73	14	6	25	19	6	—
November .....	130	2	55	57	13	3	23	17	5	1
December .....	140	1	43	76	13	7	27	25	1	1
1970-January .....	123	—	28	81	9	5	20	17	—	3
February .....	173	2	54	99	14	4	21	15	6	—
March .....	172	1	57	101	6	7	34	25	5	4
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three months 1969 ...	393	5	157	197	14	20	99	90	8	1
Three months 1970 ...	468	3	139	281	29	16	75	57	11	7

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### Under the Provision of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts

SECOND QUARTER 1970

During the second quarter of 1970 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 789, an increase of 40.0 per cent from the revised total of 589 insolvencies recorded for the second quarter of 1969. The estimated total of the defaulted liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$69,757,000 as compared with \$37,960,000 for the same quarter of last year.

### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures occurred in the trade sector with 355 failures compared with 250 in the second quarter of 1969. In the manufacturing industries group, the number of bankruptcies increased from 63 to 87 and the liabilities from \$9,473,000 to \$21,869,000 in the 1969-70 comparison. The number of insolvencies in the construction industry increased slightly from 92 to 99 and the liabilities from \$6,434,000 to \$7,973,000. In the financial sector the number of failures increased from 25 to 35 and the liabilities from \$4,067,000 to \$9,129,000. In the service industry the number of bankrupt firms increased from 91 to 104 and the liabilities from \$3,867,000 to \$6,568,000.

### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 352 bankruptcies recorded in Quebec during the second quarter of 1970 compared with 290 for the same period of 1969. Estimated liabilities were \$38,662,000 compared with \$21,920,000. In Ontario the number of business failures increased from 208 to 315 and the liabilities from \$10,708,000 to \$22,222,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvencies increased from 45 to 72 and the defaulted liabilities from \$2,047,000 to \$5,191,000. In British Columbia the number of bankruptcies increased from 27 to 41 and the liabilities from \$1,960,000 to \$3,456,000 in the second quarter 1969-1970 comparison.

### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. There was a considerable increase in all groups excepting the under \$5,000 size group in the 1969-70 comparison.

### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter 1970 with Comparative Figures for 1969

No.		Second quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	—	—	15	9	9	28
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	—	—	3	6	2	2
3	Textile industries .....	—	—	1	1	—	2
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	—	—	9	10	2	1
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	1	—	7	10	4	7
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	—	—	2	7	3	4
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	—	—	7	4	2	4
8	Machinery industries .....	—	—	—	1	1	—
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	—	—	—	2	1	2
10	Electrical products industries .....	—	—	—	—	1	2
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	—	—	—	1	1	—
12	Chemical industries .....	—	—	—	2	—	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	—	—	3	10	2	2
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	—	32	54	19	27
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	—	—	21	14	7	18
16	Special trade contractors .....	4	1	24	24	20	24
17	Total construction industries .....	4	1	45	38	27	42
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	2	2	16	23	18	24
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	3	1	36	36	16	18
20	General merchandise .....	—	2	1	4	1	5
21	Automotive products .....	—	—	25	37	19	28
22	Apparel and shoes .....	—	—	18	26	15	19
23	Hardware .....	—	—	6	9	10	11
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	—	13	22	9	22
25	Drugs .....	—	—	3	3	—	—
26	Other trades .....	1	2	18	33	28	31
27	Total trade .....	5	5	120	170	98	134
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	2	—	15	13	6	17
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	—	—	3	4	—	2
30	Recreational services .....	—	—	5	2	2	6
31	Business services .....	—	—	8	5	7	7
32	Personal services .....	3	1	29	32	18	25
33	Other services .....	2	—	2	2	4	3
34	Total services .....	5	1	47	45	31	43
35	Totals .....	19	9	290	352	208	315



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Second Quarter 1970 with Comparative Figures for 1969 - Concluded

Second Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969 \$'000	1970 \$'000	
3	2	1	3	28	42	1,443	2,941	1
2	1	1	—	8	9	1,670	1,343	2
—	—	—	—	1	3	60	339	3
—	—	—	—	11	11	2,247	6,736	4
1	—	3	—	16	17	1,216	2,585	5
1	—	—	—	6	11	447	1,173	6
1	3	1	—	11	11	2,746	2,117	7
—	1	—	—	1	2	118	943	8
—	—	—	—	1	4	125	4,173	9
1	—	—	—	2	2	170	114	10
—	—	—	—	1	1	131	223	11
—	—	—	—	—	3	—	112	12
—	1	—	—	5	13	543	2,011	13
6	6	5	—	63	87	9,473	21,869	14
5	3	2	5	35	40	2,801	4,806	15
3	8	6	2	57	59	3,633	3,167	16
8	11	8	7	92	99	6,434	7,973	17
3	14	1	4	40	67	1,876	2,444	18
1	2	2	—	58	57	2,242	2,043	19
2	—	2	2	6	13	280	342	20
4	10	3	3	51	78	977	3,036	21
2	3	1	3	36	51	1,191	2,850	22
1	3	—	1	17	24	1,015	2,727	23
1	1	—	5	24	50	879	2,759	24
—	—	—	1	3	4	156	140	25
7	7	1	5	55	78	4,060	4,936	26
18	26	9	20	250	355	10,800	18,833	27
1	3	1	2	25	35	4,067	9,129	28
—	—	1	—	4	6	188	204	29
—	—	—	—	7	8	162	406	30
—	2	—	2	15	16	772	1,762	31
3	7	1	3	54	68	2,483	3,956	32
3	1	—	—	11	6	262	240	33
6	10	2	5	91	104	3,867	6,568	34
45	72	27	41	589	789	37,960	69,757	35





TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1969-January .....	2	82	148	10,608	87	6,522	5	115	8	261
February .....	3	179	137	16,437	63	3,291	5	1,466	4	91
March .....	5	106	130	7,043	66	4,446	3	162	7	244
April .....	7	183	100	7,912	75	3,538	6	289	7	433
May .....	8	310	96	6,481	76	3,211	4	182	5	128
June .....	4	833	94	7,527	57	3,959	6	189	3	62
July .....	4	473	79	5,698	58	2,493	5	172	5	970
August .....	2	156	98	7,955	75	4,139	6	145	2	13
September .....	4	214	141	11,596	76	5,008	7	563	6	147
October .....	1	11	125	17,191	90	5,310	2	17	6	265
November .....	8	423	142	7,968	86	4,045	3	1,469	9	437
December .....	4	168	134	12,118	86	5,117	8	697	2	191
1970-January .....	4	242	148	11,151	97	5,223	8	222	8	239
February .....	2	247	160	16,215	104	6,089	8	476	3	66
March .....	6	183	140	12,718	97	3,765	5	93	4	129
April .....	4	143	133	14,326	113	5,710	6	1,123	4	238
May .....	4	71	107	16,058	99	7,601	3	104	14	743
June .....	1	11	112	8,277	103	8,912	5	369	4	173
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1969 .....	29	1,693	705	56,008	424	24,967	29	2,403	34	1,219
Six months 1970 .....	21	897	800	78,745	613	37,300	35	2,387	37	1,588
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1969-January .....	5	1,102	3	365	258	19,055	32	3,749	80	7,804
February .....	8	338	9	1,959	229	23,761	19	1,176	68	10,238
March .....	8	290	14	11,938	233	24,229	24	1,975	80	4,323
April .....	5	133	6	1,082	206	13,570	28	1,064	55	5,683
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February .....	11	480	13	915	301	24,488	41	3,507	96	13,410
March .....	10	613	21	1,905	283	19,406	41	1,748	77	10,672
April .....	14	1,384	14	1,309	288	24,233	39	3,205	63	5,539
May .....	15	894	10	410	252	25,881	34	4,103	55	9,405
June .....	7	164	17	1,737	249	19,643	32	2,121	67	5,352
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1969 .....	35	2,493	53	16,222	1,309	105,005	162	11,613	387	37,463
Six months 1970 .....	63	3,671	84	6,528	1,653	131,116	227	16,559	434	50,126

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1969					1970				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	1	1	—	4	2	—			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	16	16	17	20	69	25	19			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	15	6	8	18	47	22	18			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	13	17	10	54	17	11			
Over \$100,000 .....	29	27	16	32	104	24	39			
Totals .....	76	63	59	80	278	90	87			
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	1	2	5	1	9	4	—			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	54	37	32	45	168	55	28			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	24	17	30	24	95	44	22			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	20	25	21	82	19	14			
Over \$100,000 .....	28	16	21	21	86	32	9			
Totals .....	123	92	113	112	440	154	73			
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	6	9	14	37	13	6			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	153	133	124	182	592	187	173			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	86	62	67	81	296	86	89			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	31	29	40	137	46	47			
Over \$100,000 .....	20	18	22	28	88	26	40			
Totals .....	304	250	251	345	1,150	358	355			
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	5	5	4	25	5	5			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	55	53	49	61	218	70	53			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	20	25	23	90	28	21			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	4	5	11	16	36	15	10			
Over \$100,000 .....	15	8	12	13	48	19	15			
Totals .....	107	91	102	117	417	137	104			
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	22	19	25	22	88	27	13			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	337	281	264	368	1,250	396	353			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	168	124	148	172	612	209	189			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	85	86	97	97	365	111	103			
Over \$100,000 .....	108	79	84	113	384	121	131			
Totals .....	720	589	618	772	2,699	864	789			
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	13	13	15	56	14	7			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	199	129	129	189	646	203	147			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	94	64	80	93	331	97	88			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	49	42	49	44	184	57	48			
Over \$100,000 .....	58	42	47	60	207	77	62			
Totals .....	415	290	318	401	1,424	448	352			
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	7	5	10	5	27	12	5			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	101	112	98	125	436	140	153			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	50	36	48	61	195	76	68			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	26	29	29	40	124	38	42			
Over \$100,000 .....	32	26	24	31	113	32	47			
Totals .....	216	208	209	262	895	298	315			



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1969-January .....	73.9	41.0	71.7	75.0	82.1	121.7	153.5	75.2	36.5	48.1
February .....	103.8	59.7	120.0	52.2	111.5	217.7	105.6	96.2	58.0	76.6
March .....	104.0	21.1	54.2	67.4	38.7	852.7	99.2	76.0	40.4	47.5
April .....	65.9	26.1	79.1	47.2	47.4	180.3	112.4	59.3	39.3	69.6
May .....	54.5	38.8	67.5	42.2	54.4	38.9	164.3	41.7	39.4	32.8
June .....	74.4	208.2	80.1	69.5	33.2	45.7	195.1	104.0	51.1	21.6
July .....	68.8	118.2	72.1	43.0	99.6	154.0	135.4	125.4	32.8	75.4
August .....	68.4	78.0	81.2	55.2	21.5	110.8	132.7	64.5	56.3	50.8
September .....	72.2	53.5	82.2	65.9	48.0	41.9	157.3	75.9	44.3	59.6
October .....	100.7	11.0	137.5	59.0	33.7	107.6	190.4	76.0	37.0	40.0
November .....	60.2	52.9	56.1	47.0	97.3	167.3	119.5	82.8	38.9	34.0
December .....	84.8	42.0	90.4	59.5	61.1	235.0	144.7	114.5	54.8	110.3
1970-January .....	62.4	60.5	75.3	53.8	27.1	28.0	106.7	67.6	36.5	34.4
February .....	81.4	123.5	101.3	58.5	46.5	70.4	101.5	178.7	36.7	110.1
March .....	68.6	30.5	90.8	38.8	43.9	90.7	166.7	56.0	40.4	47.0
April .....	84.1	35.8	107.7	50.5	114.4	93.5	178.4	132.7	52.2	49.8
May .....	102.7	17.8	150.1	76.8	54.4	41.0	397.4	51.7	48.3	33.8
June .....	78.9	11.0	73.9	86.5	44.1	102.2	119.9	42.7	57.8	101.9
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1969 .....	80.2	58.4	79.4	58.9	62.4	306.1	138.8	77.2	44.0	50.9
Six months 1970 .....	79.3	42.7	98.4	60.8	56.6	77.7	185.3	92.0	45.4	64.9

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1969-January .....	112	1	46	53	3	9	29	28	—	1
February .....	133	3	61	57	4	8	33	31	2	—
March .....	148	1	50	87	7	3	37	31	6	—
April .....	97	1	28	52	7	9	31	23	4	4
May .....	128	1	42	75	8	2	20	15	4	1
June .....	105	3	37	53	6	6	17	14	3	—
July .....	97	—	39	53	3	2	21	17	3	1
August .....	94	1	39	41	5	8	12	10	2	—
September .....	124	3	41	70	6	4	25	20	4	1
October .....	136	1	42	73	14	6	25	19	6	—
November .....	130	2	55	57	13	3	23	17	5	1
December .....	140	1	43	76	13	7	27	25	1	1
1970-January .....	123	—	28	81	9	5	20	17	—	3
February .....	173	2	54	99	14	4	21	15	6	—
March .....	172	1	57	101	6	7	34	25	5	4
April .....	180	3	57	102	12	6	17	15	2	—
May .....	179	—	44	110	18	7	37	25	8	4
June .....	235	3	73	138	12	9	32	25	7	—
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six months 1969 .....	723	10	264	377	35	37	167	142	19	6
Six months 1970 .....	1,062	9	313	631	71	38	161	122	28	11

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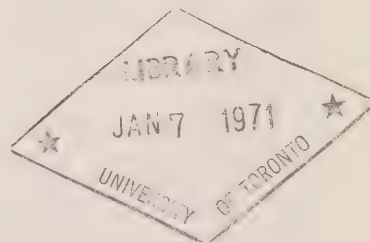
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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

THIRD QUARTER



The total number of business failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts during the third quarter of 1970 has been estimated at 750 compared with 618 for the third quarter of 1969. Estimated liabilities in default rose to \$54,723,000 in comparison with \$43,309,000 for the same quarter of last year.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade industry with 330 failures compared with 251 in the third quarter of 1969. Liabilities in this sector was \$14,518,000 as against \$11,269,000 in the previous third quarter. In the manufacturing industry the number of insolvencies increased from 59 to 86 and the liabilities rose from \$8,584,000 to \$12,494,000 in the third quarter 1969-70 comparison. The construction industry failures declined from 113 to 105 but the liabilities increased from \$9,227,000 to \$10,115,000. The number of insolvencies in the finance industry rose from 20 to 27 but the liabilities were lower. In the service industry the number of bankruptcies increased from 102 to 122 and the liabilities from \$6,310,000 to \$7,971,000 in the third quarter comparison.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 324 bankruptcies in Quebec in the third quarter of 1970 compared with 318 in the same quarter of 1969. Liabilities increased from \$25,249,000 to \$27,642,000. In Ontario the number of insolvencies increased from 209 to 298 and the liabilities from \$11,640,000 to \$18,029,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of business failures increased from 56 to 75 and the liabilities from \$3,167,000 to \$6,091,000 in the 1969-70 third quarter comparison. The number of failures in British Columbia increased from 25 to 45 but there was little change in the defaulted liabilities.

#### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. There was a marked increase in the three larger size groups in the third quarter 1969-70 comparison.

#### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Third Quarter 1970 with Comparative Figures for 1969

No.		Third quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	—	—	7	7	4	8
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	—	—	4	4	—	1
3	Textile industries .....	—	—	1	1	1	—
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	—	—	4	8	—	4
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	1	—	11	10	5	5
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	—	—	6	5	2	3
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	—	—	2	6	4	5
8	Machinery industries .....	—	1	2	3	1	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	—	—	—	1	—	2
10	Electrical products industries .....	—	—	2	—	—	—
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	—	—	1	3	—	1
12	Chemical industries .....	—	—	1	1	—	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	—	—	4	7	2	3
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	1	38	49	15	26
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	3	1	21	14	11	20
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	1	32	18	24	30
17	Total construction industries .....	4	2	53	32	35	50
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	—	—	19	13	25	24
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	—	3	23	36	13	17
20	General merchandise .....	—	—	5	5	3	9
21	Automotive products .....	2	—	26	30	25	23
22	Apparel and shoes .....	2	—	23	23	14	16
23	Hardware .....	—	—	3	9	4	7
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	—	—	20	16	16	15
25	Drugs .....	—	—	2	5	—	2
26	Other trades .....	1	—	26	37	18	37
27	Total trade .....	5	3	128	161	93	126
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	—	1	15	8	3	14
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	—	—	5	1	2	2
30	Recreational services .....	—	—	7	1	3	—
31	Business services .....	—	—	9	5	6	13
32	Personal services .....	—	1	33	44	20	35
33	Other services .....	—	—	4	3	3	—
34	Total services .....	—	1	58	54	34	50
35	Totals .....	10	8	318	324	209	298

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter 1970 with Comparative Figures for 1969 - Concluded

Third Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	
						\$'000	\$'000	
7	8	3	7	21	30	811	1,659	1
1	-	-	-	5	5	388	495	2
-	-	-	-	2	1	68	40	3
-	-	-	-	4	12	350	1,459	4
2	2	-	1	19	18	1,480	1,105	5
-	2	-	1	8	11	1,675	1,318	6
-	-	-	-	6	11	545	1,457	7
2	-	-	-	5	5	615	2,382	8
-	1	-	-	-	4	-	2,436	9
-	-	-	1	2	1	779	24	10
-	-	-	1	1	5	2,020	203	11
-	-	-	-	1	2	21	81	12
-	-	-	1	6	11	643	1,494	13
5	5	-	5	59	86	8,584	12,494	14
2	7	4	2	41	44	4,104	5,460	15
11	10	4	2	72	61	5,123	4,655	16
13	17	8	4	113	105	9,227	10,115	17
5	8	3	5	52	50	1,460	2,879	18
2	2	-	1	38	59	917	1,482	19
3	-	1	-	12	14	332	537	20
5	8	-	5	58	66	3,443	3,120	21
1	3	2	1	42	43	1,948	2,008	22
1	2	1	1	9	19	602	867	23
-	4	-	3	36	38	1,519	2,519	24
1	1	-	2	3	10	91	491	25
8	3	-	4	53	81	2,417	3,494	26
21	23	4	17	251	330	11,269	14,518	27
1	3	1	1	20	27	5,648	5,087	28
-	1	-	-	7	4	403	172	29
-	-	3	1	13	2	532	84	30
-	4	1	1	16	23	1,766	2,559	31
4	1	2	4	59	85	2,431	4,999	32
-	5	-	-	7	8	1,178	157	33
4	11	6	6	102	122	6,310	7,971	34
56	75	25	45	618	750	43,309	54,723	35





TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Food			Trade industries			Apparel and shoes			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total			Total			Total			Total			Total			Total			Total		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1969-January .....	19	399		108	3,940		17	518		16	497		10	389		10	5,527		47	2,262	
February .....	14	247		99	5,738		19	1,403		16	685		12	304		8	7,280		38	2,909	
March .....	25	660		97	3,917		18	610		21	996		7	237		8	11,601		22	1,044	
April .....	12	550		79	3,107		20	760		14	390		7	266		10	2,175		31	2,158	
May .....	13	281		92	3,624		23	1,002		9	469		11	339		10	1,590		37	1,213	
June .....	15	1,045		79	4,068		15	480		13	332		6	273		5	301		23	496	
July .....	16	493		67	2,197		12	246		5	109		8	280		6	1,158		32	2,414	
August .....	20	552		77	4,337		12	286		17	573		11	735		5	2,201		31	1,574	
September .....	16	415		107	4,735		14	385		20	1,266		17	504		9	2,289		39	2,323	
October .....	16	961		112	4,146		31	1,122		8	171		11	464		6	9,291		30	1,199	
November .....	22	1,935		118	4,585		29	1,546		12	391		15	523		14	1,596		43	1,464	
December .....	15	261		115	6,305		25	871		14	435		8	703		9	2,048		44	4,854	
1970-January .....	15	1,333		126	4,582		21	1,284		25	533		13	625		8	2,201		41	1,409	
February .....	18	776		123	4,516		23	872		25	667		11	318		13	1,028		50	5,505	
March .....	18	354		110	4,446		27	1,304		17	681		9	482		9	3,712		46	2,164	
April .....	25	1,170		126	6,700		24	707		18	1,276		19	687		18	3,133		29	1,445	
May .....	21	808		101	4,900		14	830		17	705		13	827		8	2,448		37	1,240	
June .....	23	969		129	7,359		18	591		17	897		18	1,309		11	4,449		38	4,533	
July .....	19	352		115	5,382		21	542		13	547		17	966		10	1,015		42	3,021	
August .....	14	296		89	4,698		16	472		16	871		13	1,107		6	1,119		41	3,374	
September .....	17	2,232		126	4,439		22	468		14	589		8	446		11	2,953		39	1,576	
October .....																					
November .....																					
December .....																					
Nine months 1969 .....	150	4,642		805	35,663		150	5,690		131	5,317		89	3,327		71	34,122		300	16,393	
Nine months 1970 .....	170	8,290		1,045	47,022		186	7,070		162	6,766		121	6,767		94	22,058		363	24,267	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1969-January .....	2	82	148	10,608	87	6,522	5	115	8	261
February .....	3	179	137	16,437	63	3,291	5	1,466	4	91
March .....	5	106	130	7,043	66	4,446	3	162	7	244
April .....	7	183	100	7,912	75	3,538	6	289	7	433
May .....	8	310	96	6,481	76	3,211	4	182	5	128
June .....	4	833	94	7,527	57	3,959	6	189	3	62
July .....	4	473	79	5,698	58	2,493	5	172	5	970
August .....	2	156	98	7,955	75	4,139	6	145	2	13
September .....	4	214	141	11,596	76	5,008	7	563	6	147
October .....	1	11	125	17,191	90	5,310	2	17	6	265
November .....	8	423	142	7,968	86	4,045	3	1,469	9	437
December .....	4	168	134	12,118	86	5,117	8	697	2	191
1970-January .....	5	256	148	11,151	97	5,223	8	222	8	239
February .....	2	247	160	16,215	104	6,089	8	476	3	66
March .....	6	183	140	13,293	97	3,765	5	93	4	129
April .....	4	143	133	14,378	113	5,809	6	1,123	4	238
May .....	4	71	107	16,057	100	7,618	4	164	12	634
June .....	1	11	114	8,322	106	10,421	5	369	4	173
July .....	3	116	102	8,271	130	6,939	6	95	5	146
August .....	2	268	97	10,656	64	3,905	5	240	8	311
September .....	3	113	125	8,715	104	7,185	6	892	6	617
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1969 .....	39	2,536	1,023	81,257	633	36,607	47	3,283	47	2,349
Nine months 1970 .....	30	1,408	1,126	107,058	915	56,954	53	3,674	54	2,553
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1969-January .....	5	1,102	3	365	258	19,055	32	3,749	80	7,804
February .....	8	338	9	1,959	229	23,761	19	1,176	68	10,238
March .....	8	290	14	11,938	233	24,229	24	1,975	80	4,323
April .....	5	133	6	1,082	206	13,570	28	1,064	55	5,683
May .....	5	450	12	467	206	11,229	34	1,528	55	4,661
June .....	4	180	9	411	177	13,161	25	2,121	49	4,754
July .....	7	551	6	924	164	11,281	16	1,318	38	2,693
August .....	7	166	10	1,108	200	13,682	19	1,787	53	5,947
September .....	11	441	9	377	254	18,346	29	2,459	65	8,583
October .....	5	156	16	1,721	245	24,670	24	2,036	71	12,731
November .....	10	233	9	1,506	267	16,082	37	2,359	75	4,698
December .....	12	457	14	3,290	260	22,039	25	2,459	85	8,197
1970-January .....	6	136	9	252	281	17,479	40	1,875	76	5,748
February .....	11	480	13	915	301	24,488	41	3,507	96	13,410
March .....	10	613	21	1,950	283	20,026	41	1,748	77	11,247
April .....	16	2,284	14	1,309	290	25,284	39	3,205	63	5,539
May .....	15	894	10	410	252	25,848	34	4,103	55	9,405
June .....	7	164	17	1,774	254	21,234	32	2,121	67	5,387
July .....	16	2,099	19	1,663	281	19,329	54	3,327	51	5,619
August .....	9	872	12	460	197	16,712	24	1,854	52	6,143
September .....	14	820	14	341	272	18,683	36	1,958	70	3,250
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1969 .....	60	3,651	78	18,631	1,927	148,314	226	17,177	543	54,686
Nine months 1970 .....	104	8,362	129	9,074	2,411	189,083	341	23,698	607	65,748

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1969					1970				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	1	1	—	4	2	—	1		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	16	16	17	20	69	25	18	26		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	15	6	8	18	47	22	19	20		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	13	17	10	54	17	10	15		
Over \$100,000 .....	29	27	16	32	104	24	40	24		
Totals .....	76	63	59	80	278	90	87	86		
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	1	2	5	1	9	4	1	5		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	54	37	32	45	168	55	40	37		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	24	17	30	24	95	44	29	24		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	20	25	21	82	19	17	20		
Over \$100,000 .....	28	16	21	21	86	32	12	19		
Totals .....	123	92	113	112	440	154	99	105		
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	6	9	14	37	13	6	9		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	153	133	124	182	592	187	172	160		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	86	62	67	81	296	86	89	87		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	31	29	40	137	46	48	46		
Over \$100,000 .....	20	18	22	28	88	26	41	28		
Totals .....	304	250	251	345	1,150	358	356	330		
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	5	5	4	25	5	5	2		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	55	53	49	61	218	70	53	52		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	20	25	23	90	28	22	33		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	4	5	11	16	36	15	9	19		
Over \$100,000 .....	15	8	12	13	48	19	15	16		
Totals .....	107	91	102	117	417	137	104	122		
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	22	19	25	22	88	27	13	18		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	337	281	264	368	1,250	396	353	326		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	168	124	148	172	612	209	190	189		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	85	86	97	97	365	111	104	114		
Over \$100,000 .....	108	79	84	113	384	121	136	103		
Totals .....	720	589	618	772	2,699	864	796	750		
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	13	13	15	56	14	7	10		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	199	129	129	189	646	203	148	138		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	94	64	80	93	331	97	88	72		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	49	42	49	44	184	57	49	60		
Over \$100,000 .....	58	42	47	60	207	77	62	44		
Totals .....	415	290	318	401	1,424	448	354	324		
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	7	5	10	5	27	12	5	6		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	101	112	98	125	436	140	153	136		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	50	36	48	61	195	76	70	83		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	26	29	29	40	124	38	41	35		
Over \$100,000 .....	32	26	24	31	113	32	50	38		
Totals .....	216	208	209	262	895	298	319	298		

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1969-January .....	73.9	41.0	71.7	75.0	82.1	121.7	153.5	75.2	36.5	48.1
February .....	103.8	59.7	120.0	52.2	111.5	217.7	105.6	96.2	58.0	76.6
March .....	104.0	21.1	54.2	67.4	38.7	852.7	99.2	76.0	40.4	47.5
April .....	65.9	26.1	79.1	47.2	47.4	180.3	112.4	59.3	39.3	69.6
May .....	54.5	38.8	67.5	42.2	54.4	38.9	164.3	41.7	39.4	32.8
June .....	74.4	208.2	80.1	69.5	33.2	45.7	195.1	104.0	51.1	21.6
July .....	68.8	118.2	72.1	43.0	99.6	154.0	135.4	125.4	32.8	75.4
August .....	68.4	78.0	81.2	55.2	21.5	110.8	132.7	64.5	56.3	50.8
September .....	72.2	53.5	82.2	65.9	48.0	41.9	157.3	75.9	44.3	59.6
October .....	100.7	11.0	137.5	59.0	33.7	107.6	190.4	76.0	37.0	40.0
November .....	60.2	52.9	56.1	47.0	97.3	167.3	119.5	82.8	38.9	34.0
December .....	84.8	42.0	90.4	59.5	61.1	235.0	144.7	114.5	54.8	110.3
1970-January .....	62.2	51.4	75.3	53.8	27.1	28.0	106.7	67.6	36.4	34.4
February .....	81.4	123.5	101.3	58.5	46.5	70.4	101.5	178.7	36.7	110.1
March .....	70.8	30.5	95.0	38.8	43.9	92.9	189.7	56.0	40.4	47.0
April .....	87.2	35.8	108.1	51.4	140.2	93.5	178.4	132.7	53.2	49.8
May .....	102.6	17.8	150.1	76.2	54.6	41.0	396.7	52.0	48.5	33.5
June .....	83.6	11.0	73.0	98.3	44.1	104.4	141.5	44.8	57.0	119.3
July .....	68.8	38.3	81.1	53.4	86.7	87.5	107.4	105.7	46.8	71.9
August .....	84.8	134.0	109.9	61.0	64.7	38.3	281.5	68.7	52.8	82.3
September .....	68.7	37.7	69.7	69.1	89.6	24.4	100.4	98.1	35.2	40.4
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1969 ....	77.0	65.0	79.4	57.8	60.3	238.9	140.8	78.7	44.3	54.6
Nine months 1970 ....	78.4	46.9	95.1	62.2	69.1	70.3	175.6	93.4	45.0	66.9

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1969-January .....	112	1	46	53	3	9	29	28	-	1
February .....	133	3	61	57	4	8	33	31	2	-
March .....	148	1	50	87	7	3	37	31	6	-
April .....	97	1	28	52	7	9	31	23	4	4
May .....	128	1	42	75	8	2	20	15	4	1
June .....	105	3	37	53	6	6	17	14	3	-
July .....	97	-	39	53	3	2	21	17	3	1
August .....	94	1	39	41	5	8	12	10	2	-
September .....	124	3	41	70	6	4	25	20	4	1
October .....	136	1	42	73	14	6	25	19	6	-
November .....	130	2	55	57	13	3	23	17	5	1
December .....	140	1	43	76	13	7	27	25	1	1
1970-January .....	123	-	28	81	9	5	20	17	-	3
February .....	173	2	54	99	14	4	21	15	6	-
March .....	174	2	57	102	6	7	34	25	5	4
April .....	180	3	57	102	12	6	17	15	2	-
May .....	182	-	45	109	19	9	37	25	8	4
June .....	236	4	72	138	13	9	32	25	7	-
July .....	181	1	44	116	12	8	31	25	4	2
August .....	182	2	57	96	16	11	25	17	6	2
September .....	238	1	71	140	14	12	28	17	7	4
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine months 1969 ....	1,038	14	383	541	49	51	225	189	28	8
Nine months 1970 ....	1,669	15	485	983	115	71	245	181	45	19

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR 1970

During 1970 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts rose to 3,272 from 2,699 in 1969. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities increased from \$211,105,000 in 1969 to \$255,884,000 in 1970. Average liabilities per failure remained the same at \$78,200.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade industries with 1,410 as compared with 1,150 in 1969. Liabilities increased from \$50,700,000 to \$70,482,000. Insolvencies in the manufacturing industries increased from 278 to 346 and the liabilities from \$40,071,000 to \$60,582,000. Failures in the construction industries rose from 440 to 488 and the liabilities from \$35,959,000 to \$44,292,000 in the 1969-70 comparison. Bankruptcies in the service industries increased from 417 to 503 and the defaulted liabilities rose from \$23,910,000 to \$31,231,000.

#### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 1,541 business failures in Quebec in 1970 compared with 1,424 in 1969. Total estimated liabilities were \$138,342,000 in 1970 as against \$118,534,000 in 1969 with average liabilities per failure increasing from \$83,200 to \$89,800. Bankruptcies in Ontario increased from 895 to 1,208 and liabilities from \$51,079,000 to \$75,935,000 with average liabilities per failure increasing from \$57,100 to \$62,900. The number of insolvencies in the Prairie Provinces increased from 211 to 283 and the liabilities from \$13,205,000 to \$20,386,000 with average liabilities per failure increasing from \$62,600 to \$72,000. In British Columbia the number of bankruptcies increased from 117 to 195 but the liabilities declined from \$25,148,000 in 1969 to \$13,874,000 in 1970.

#### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures were in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Business failures in four of the five size groups showed a considerable increase in the 1969-70 comparison.

#### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Fourth Quarter and Year 1970 with Comparative Figures for 1969

No.		Fourth quarter							
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces	
		1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	1	-	10	13	18	15	5	7
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>								
2	Food and beverage industries .....	1	-	1	6	3	3	-	1
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	11	7	5	1	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	-	6	6	5	4	1	-
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	-	5	8	4	8	-	3
7	Primary and Fabricated metal industries .....	-	1	4	5	5	3	3	-
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	2	3	1	2	-	-
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	6	4	3	2	1	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	2	41	46	28	25	7	5
	<u>Construction industries:</u>								
15	General contractors .....	-	1	18	17	15	17	5	4
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	-	34	41	20	33	8	3
17	Total construction industries .....	1	1	52	58	35	50	13	7
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	-	2	22	26	19	29	9	6
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>								
19	Food .....	1	1	58	38	20	26	2	7
20	General merchandise .....	-	1	6	8	7	8	-	-
21	Automotive products .....	2	3	34	39	39	20	8	7
22	Apparel and shoes .....	2	-	21	27	10	13	1	2
23	Hardware .....	-	1	13	9	8	6	-	-
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	-	1	17	28	11	21	3	3
25	Drugs .....	-	-	3	1	-	1	1	1
26	Other trades .....	1	-	41	37	21	21	3	13
27	Total trade .....	6	7	193	187	116	116	18	33
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	-	1	19	10	8	9	-	-
	<u>Services:</u>								
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	3	4	3	3	1	1
30	Recreational services .....	3	-	6	3	5	6	-	1
31	Business services .....	-	-	7	11	5	12	-	-
32	Personal services .....	1	-	43	47	19	20	3	9
33	Other services .....	-	1	5	6	6	7	1	1
34	Total services .....	4	1	64	71	38	48	5	12
35	Totals .....	13	14	401	411	262	292	57	70

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1970 with Comparative Figures for 1969

Fourth quarter		Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
British Columbia		Number		Liabilities		Total				
						Number		Liabilities		
1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	1969	1970	
\$'000						\$'000				
2	11	36	46	1,819	3,207	111	165	5,609	11,135	1
—	—	5	10	450	1,017	25	31	3,373	3,111	2
—	—	3	2	2,085	782	9	7	3,268	1,200	3
—	—	16	8	1,101	852	39	41	4,185	9,504	4
—	3	12	13	863	471	65	67	4,899	6,428	5
1	—	10	19	1,032	1,865	32	53	3,432	5,042	6
2	—	14	9	2,372	1,258	43	48	7,583	8,585	7
—	—	3	5	1,299	294	10	13	2,140	3,623	8
—	1	4	3	655	631	9	18	1,355	8,783	9
—	—	2	2	517	590	8	9	1,854	1,388	10
—	—	1	4	81	5,582	6	10	4,058	6,008	11
—	1	—	2	—	641	2	10	49	1,052	12
—	—	10	6	1,742	397	30	39	3,875	5,858	13
3	5	80	83	12,197	14,380	278	346	40,071	60,582	14
6	4	44	43	3,746	5,365	168	184	15,962	21,533	15
5	8	68	85	6,385	5,257	272	304	19,997	22,759	16
11	12	112	128	10,131	10,622	440	488	35,959	44,292	17
3	10	53	73	3,156	3,520	203	242	7,798	11,802	18
4	2	85	74	3,539	6,115	235	258	9,229	13,200	19
—	1	13	18	330	839	49	59	2,670	2,650	20
3	6	86	75	4,027	3,431	252	297	9,923	12,551	21
—	3	34	45	996	1,388	165	207	6,313	7,937	22
—	1	21	17	1,480	1,287	66	82	4,824	5,675	23
3	3	34	56	1,690	4,495	123	179	5,017	11,337	24
—	—	4	3	279	202	12	22	591	1,109	25
2	3	68	74	2,695	5,141	248	306	12,133	16,023	26
12	19	345	362	15,036	22,898	1,150	1,410	50,700	70,482	27
2	4	29	24	12,935	4,346	100	118	47,058	26,360	28
—	—	7	8	276	345	25	23	1,067	847	29
—	1	14	11	451	192	41	36	1,262	1,250	30
1	2	13	25	911	2,467	60	87	6,290	10,805	31
4	2	70	78	5,445	3,369	250	317	13,253	17,283	32
1	—	13	15	434	478	41	40	2,038	1,046	33
6	5	117	137	7,517	6,851	417	503	23,910	31,231	34
39	66	772	853	62,791	65,824	2,699	3,272	211,105	255,884	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Food			Apparel and shoes			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1969-January .....	19	399	108	3,941	17	518	16	497	10	389	10	5,527	47	2,262							
February .....	14	247	99	5,738	19	1,403	16	684	12	304	8	7,280	38	2,909							
March .....	25	660	97	3,917	18	610	21	996	7	237	8	11,601	22	1,044							
April .....	12	550	79	3,107	20	760	14	390	7	266	10	2,175	31	2,158							
May .....	13	281	92	3,624	23	1,002	9	469	11	339	10	1,590	37	1,213							
June .....	15	1,045	79	4,068	15	480	13	332	6	273	5	301	23	496							
July .....	16	493	67	2,197	12	246	5	109	8	280	6	1,158	32	2,414							
August .....	20	551	77	4,337	12	286	17	573	11	735	9	2,201	31	1,574							
September .....	16	415	107	4,735	14	385	20	1,266	17	504	5	2,289	39	2,323							
October .....	16	961	112	4,146	31	1,122	8	171	11	464	6	9,291	30	1,199							
November .....	22	1,935	118	4,585	29	1,546	12	391	15	523	14	1,596	43	1,464							
December .....	15	261	115	6,305	25	871	14	435	8	703	9	2,048	44	4,854							
1970-January .....	15	1,333	126	4,582	21	1,284	25	533	13	625	8	2,201	41	1,409							
February .....	18	776	123	4,516	23	872	25	667	11	318	13	1,028	50	5,505							
March .....	18	354	110	4,446	27	1,304	17	680	9	481	9	3,712	46	2,164							
April .....	24	1,160	125	6,680	23	697	18	1,276	19	676	18	3,133	29	1,445							
May .....	21	808	100	4,883	13	820	17	705	13	820	8	2,448	37	1,240							
June .....	23	969	130	7,524	18	591	17	897	19	1,316	11	4,448	40	4,606							
July .....	19	352	116	5,450	21	542	13	554	17	1,036	10	1,029	42	3,021							
August .....	14	296	89	4,929	16	472	16	871	13	1,107	6	1,119	41	3,387							
September .....	17	2,235	129	4,574	22	503	14	365	9	463	11	2,897	40	1,603							
October .....	18	312	122	8,942	21	3,937	20	611	17	1,578	8	1,121	48	2,860							
November .....	24	515	130	6,177	28	1,008	14	307	19	1,284	7	1,339	38	1,649							
December .....	31	2,692	110	7,779	25	1,170	11	471	20	1,633	9	1,885	51	2,342							
Twelve months 1969 .....	203	7,798	1,150	50,700	235	9,229	165	6,313	123	5,017	100	47,058	417	23,910							
Twelve months 1970 .....	242	11,802	1,410	70,482	258	13,200	207	7,937	179	11,337	118	26,360	503	31,231							

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1969-January .....	2	82	148	10,608	87	6,522	5	115	8	261
February .....	3	179	137	16,437	63	3,291	5	1,466	4	91
March .....	5	106	130	7,043	66	4,446	3	162	7	244
April .....	7	183	100	7,912	75	3,538	6	289	7	433
May .....	8	310	96	6,481	76	3,211	4	182	5	128
June .....	4	833	94	7,527	57	3,959	6	189	3	62
July .....	4	473	79	5,698	58	2,493	5	172	5	970
August .....	2	156	98	7,955	75	4,139	6	145	2	13
September .....	4	214	141	11,596	76	5,008	7	563	6	147
October .....	1	11	125	17,191	90	5,310	2	17	6	265
November .....	8	423	142	7,968	86	4,045	3	1,469	9	437
December .....	4	168	134	12,118	86	5,117	8	697	2	191
1970-January .....	5	256	148	11,151	97	5,223	8	222	8	239
February .....	2	248	160	16,215	104	6,089	8	476	3	66
March .....	6	183	140	13,293	97	3,765	5	93	4	129
April .....	4	143	133	14,378	111	5,778	6	1,123	4	238
May .....	4	71	107	16,057	99	7,591	4	164	12	634
June .....	1	11	115	8,385	108	10,599	5	369	4	173
July .....	3	116	103	8,285	130	6,953	6	95	5	146
August .....	2	268	97	10,656	64	4,230	5	240	8	311
September .....	4	136	127	8,769	106	7,348	7	927	6	617
October .....	4	95	140	12,975	91	4,952	1	16	14	657
November .....	6	381	127	7,460	116	8,171	8	664	6	186
December .....	4	5,439	144	10,718	85	5,237	6	268	5	221
Twelve months 1969 ....	52	3,138	1,424	118,534	895	51,079	60	5,466	64	3,242
Twelve months 1970 ....	45	7,347	1,541	138,342	1,208	75,935	69	4,657	79	3,617
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1969-January .....	5	1,102	3	365	258	19,055	32	3,749	80	7,804
February .....	8	338	9	1,959	229	23,761	19	1,176	68	10,238
March .....	8	290	14	11,938	233	24,229	24	1,975	80	4,323
April .....	5	133	6	1,082	206	13,570	28	1,064	55	5,683
May .....	5	450	12	467	206	11,229	34	1,528	55	4,661
June .....	4	180	9	411	177	13,161	25	2,121	49	4,754
July .....	7	551	6	924	164	11,281	16	1,318	38	2,693
August .....	7	166	10	1,108	200	13,682	19	1,787	53	5,947
September .....	11	441	9	377	254	18,346	29	2,459	65	8,583
October .....	5	156	16	1,721	245	24,670	24	2,036	71	12,731
November .....	10	233	9	1,506	267	16,082	37	2,359	75	4,698
December .....	12	457	14	3,290	260	22,039	25	2,459	85	8,197
1970-January .....	6	136	9	252	281	17,479	40	1,875	76	5,748
February .....	11	480	13	915	301	24,488	41	3,507	96	13,410
March .....	10	613	21	1,950	283	20,026	41	1,748	77	11,247
April .....	16	2,284	14	1,309	288	25,253	39	3,205	63	5,539
May .....	15	894	10	410	251	25,821	34	4,103	55	9,405
June .....	7	164	17	1,774	257	21,475	32	2,121	67	5,387
July .....	16	2,169	19	1,663	282	19,427	54	3,327	51	5,619
August .....	9	872	12	460	197	17,037	24	1,854	52	6,143
September .....	15	920	14	337	279	19,054	36	1,958	70	3,250
October .....	12	966	26	2,277	288	21,938	32	2,716	78	8,553
November .....	9	577	23	645	295	18,084	50	3,773	62	4,259
December .....	9	2,037	17	1,882	270	25,802	35	2,015	85	6,425
Twelve months 1969 ....	87	4,497	117	25,148	2,699	211,105	312	24,031	774	80,312
Twelve months 1970 ....	135	12,112	195	13,874	3,272	255,884	458	32,202	832	84,985



TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1969					1970				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	1	1	-	4	2	-	1	1	4
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	16	16	17	20	69	25	18	26	14	83
25,000 " 50,000 ....	15	6	8	18	47	22	19	20	21	82
50,000 " 100,000 ....	14	13	17	10	54	17	10	15	19	61
Over \$100,000 .....	29	27	16	32	104	24	40	24	28	116
Totals .....	76	63	59	80	278	90	87	86	83	346
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	1	2	5	1	9	4	1	5	5	15
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	54	37	32	45	168	55	40	36	47	178
25,000 " 50,000 ....	24	17	30	24	95	44	29	25	36	134
50,000 " 100,000 ....	16	20	25	21	82	19	17	22	18	76
Over \$100,000 .....	28	16	21	21	86	32	12	19	22	85
Totals .....	123	92	113	112	440	154	99	107	128	488
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	8	6	9	14	37	13	6	9	10	38
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	153	133	124	182	592	188	172	160	143	663
25,000 " 50,000 ....	86	62	67	81	296	86	87	89	102	364
50,000 " 100,000 ....	37	31	29	40	137	46	48	48	61	203
Over \$100,000 .....	20	18	22	28	88	26	42	28	46	142
Totals .....	304	250	251	345	1,150	359	355	334	362	1,410
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	11	5	5	4	25	5	5	2	7	19
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	55	53	49	61	218	70	54	52	72	248
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	20	25	23	90	28	22	34	25	109
50,000 " 100,000 ....	4	5	11	16	36	15	10	19	18	62
Over \$100,000 .....	15	8	12	13	48	19	15	16	15	65
Totals .....	107	91	102	117	417	137	106	123	137	503
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	22	19	25	22	88	27	13	18	27	85
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	337	281	264	368	1,250	396	353	324	345	1,418
25,000 " 50,000 ....	168	124	148	172	612	209	188	194	220	811
50,000 " 100,000 ....	85	86	97	97	365	112	105	119	134	470
Over \$100,000 .....	108	79	84	113	384	121	137	103	127	488
Totals .....	720	589	618	772	2,699	865	796	758	853	3,272
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	15	13	13	15	56	14	7	10	13	44
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	199	129	129	189	646	203	148	140	154	645
25,000 " 50,000 ....	94	64	80	93	331	97	88	72	99	356
50,000 " 100,000 ....	49	42	49	44	184	57	50	61	75	243
Over \$100,000 .....	58	42	47	60	207	77	62	44	70	253
Totals .....	415	290	318	401	1,424	448	355	327	411	1,541
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	7	5	10	5	27	12	5	6	11	34
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	101	112	98	125	436	140	153	131	127	551
25,000 " 50,000 ....	50	36	48	61	195	76	69	87	78	310
50,000 " 100,000 ....	26	29	29	40	124	38	41	38	40	157
Over \$100,000 .....	32	26	24	31	113	32	50	38	36	156
Totals .....	216	208	209	262	895	298	318	300	292	1,208

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1969-January .....	73.9	41.0	71.7	75.0	82.1	121.7	153.5	75.2	36.5	48.1
February .....	103.8	59.7	120.0	52.2	111.5	217.7	105.6	96.2	58.0	76.6
March .....	104.0	21.1	54.2	67.4	38.7	852.7	99.2	76.0	40.4	47.5
April .....	65.9	26.1	79.1	47.2	47.4	180.3	112.4	59.3	39.3	69.6
May .....	54.5	38.8	67.5	42.2	54.4	38.9	164.3	41.7	39.4	32.8
June .....	74.4	208.2	80.1	69.5	33.2	45.7	195.1	104.0	51.1	21.6
July .....	68.8	118.2	72.1	43.0	99.6	154.0	135.4	125.4	32.8	75.4
August .....	68.4	78.0	81.2	55.2	21.5	110.8	132.7	64.5	56.3	50.8
September .....	72.2	53.5	82.2	65.9	48.0	41.9	157.3	75.9	44.3	59.6
October .....	100.7	11.0	137.5	59.0	33.7	107.6	190.4	76.0	37.0	40.0
November .....	60.2	52.9	56.1	47.0	97.3	167.3	119.5	82.8	38.9	34.0
December .....	84.8	42.0	90.4	59.5	61.1	235.0	144.7	114.5	54.8	110.3
1970-January .....	62.2	51.4	75.3	53.8	27.1	28.0	106.7	67.6	36.4	34.4
February .....	81.4	123.5	101.3	58.5	46.5	70.4	101.5	178.7	36.7	110.1
March .....	70.8	30.5	95.0	38.8	43.9	92.9	189.7	56.0	40.4	47.0
April .....	87.7	35.8	108.1	52.1	140.2	93.5	178.4	132.7	53.4	49.8
May .....	102.9	17.8	150.1	76.7	54.6	41.0	396.7	51.7	48.8	33.5
June .....	83.6	11.0	72.9	98.1	44.1	104.4	141.5	44.8	57.9	115.2
July .....	68.9	38.3	80.4	53.5	89.3	87.5	107.4	106.0	47.0	71.9
August .....	86.5	134.0	109.9	66.1	64.7	38.3	281.5	73.1	55.4	82.6
September .....	68.3	34.0	69.9	69.3	88.0	24.1	101.1	96.9	35.5	40.1
October .....	76.2	23.8	92.7	54.4	58.5	87.6	120.4	93.8	73.3	59.6
November .....	61.3	63.5	58.7	70.4	62.0	28.0	102.5	96.4	47.5	43.4
December .....	95.6	1,359.8	74.4	61.6	126.3	110.7	322.6	49.3	70.7	45.9
Twelve months 1969 ..	78.2	60.3	83.2	57.1	62.6	214.9	144.1	81.7	44.1	57.3
Twelve months 1970 ..	78.2	163.3	89.8	62.9	72.0	71.1	175.1	90.7	50.0	62.1

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1969-January .....	112	1	46	53	3	9	29	28	-	1
February .....	133	3	61	57	4	8	33	31	2	-
March .....	148	1	50	87	7	3	37	31	6	-
April .....	97	1	28	52	7	9	31	23	4	4
May .....	128	1	42	75	8	2	20	15	4	1
June .....	105	3	37	53	6	6	17	14	3	-
July .....	97	-	39	53	3	2	21	17	3	1
August .....	94	1	39	41	5	8	12	10	2	-
September .....	124	3	41	70	6	4	25	20	4	1
October .....	136	1	42	73	14	6	25	19	6	-
November .....	130	2	55	57	13	3	23	17	5	1
December .....	140	1	43	76	13	7	27	25	1	1
1970-January .....	123	-	28	81	9	5	20	17	-	3
February .....	173	2	54	99	14	4	21	15	6	-
March .....	174	2	57	102	6	7	34	25	5	4
April .....	182	3	57	104	12	6	16	14	2	-
May .....	183	-	45	110	19	9	37	25	8	4
June .....	233	4	72	135	13	9	32	25	7	-
July .....	181	1	44	116	12	8	31	25	4	2
August .....	182	2	57	97	15	11	25	17	6	2
September .....	236	1	71	140	13	11	28	17	7	4
October .....	285	2	87	160	17	19	24	17	7	-
November .....	280	4	79	162	16	19	29	22	5	2
December .....	193	2	62	94	18	17	35	26	8	1
Twelve months 1969 ..	1,444	18	523	747	89	67	300	250	40	10
Twelve months 1970 ..	2,425	23	713	1,400	164	125	332	245	65	22

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FIRST QUARTER 1971

During the first quarter of 1971 the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 897 an increase of 4.0 per cent from the revised total of 865 insolvencies recorded for the first quarter of 1970. The estimated total of the defaulted liabilities was \$72,559,000 as compared with \$61,994,000 for the same quarter of last year.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of failures occurred in the trade sector with 431 failures compared with 359 in the first quarter of 1970. In the manufacturing group the number of bankruptcies decreased from 90 to 86 and the liabilities increased to \$20,181,000 from \$11,511,000 in the 1970-71 comparison. The number of insolvencies in the construction industry declined from 154 to 124 and the liabilities decreased from \$15,298,000 to \$10,091,000. In the financial sector the number of failures increased from 30 to 38 and the liabilities from \$6,941,000 to \$10,478,000. In the service industry the number of bankrupt firms decreased from 137 to 120 and the liabilities from \$9,078,000 to \$5,212,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 393 bankruptcies in Quebec during the first quarter of 1971 compared with 448 for the same period of 1970. Estimated liabilities were \$37,328,000 compared with \$40,659,000 for the first quarter of 1970. In Ontario the number of failures increased from 298 to 343 and the defaulted liabilities from \$15,077,000 to \$23,347,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of insolvencies increased from 63 to 95 and the liabilities from \$2,464,000 to \$5,160,000. In British Columbia the number of bankruptcies increased from 43 to 54 but the liabilities declined from \$3,117,000 to \$2,905,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. There was a sizeable increase in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 and the \$50,000 to \$100,000 size groups.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

First Quarter 1971 with Comparative Figures for 1970

No.		First quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	1	—	9	15	18	13
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	—	—	5	6	—	5
3	Textile industries .....	—	—	1	1	—	1
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	—	—	9	3	1	4
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	—	—	11	6	5	8
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	—	—	7	6	5	9
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	—	—	8	7	9	2
8	Machinery industries .....	—	—	1	4	1	1
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	—	—	2	2	3	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	—	—	3	—	1	1
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	—	—	—	2	—	1
12	Chemical industries .....	—	—	3	—	—	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	—	—	5	3	3	5
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	—	—	55	40	28	39
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	1	26	19	24	28
16	Special trade contractors .....	3	1	44	24	39	22
17	Total construction industries .....	4	2	70	43	63	50
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	—	1	18	18	21	20
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	1	46	40	15	21
20	General merchandise .....	—	2	5	11	6	10
21	Automotive products .....	3	1	36	46	27	35
22	Apparel and shoes .....	—	1	45	35	19	26
23	Hardware .....	—	—	13	12	4	12
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	—	16	22	14	28
25	Drugs .....	—	—	3	2	1	4
26	Other trades .....	1	—	31	30	34	29
27	Total trade .....	6	5	195	198	120	165
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	3	18	19	5	11
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	—	—	3	—	2	3
30	Recreational services .....	—	—	4	1	8	6
31	Business services .....	—	—	10	9	8	13
32	Personal services .....	1	1	60	42	20	15
33	Other services .....	—	—	6	8	5	8
34	Total services .....	1	1	83	60	43	45
35	Totals .....	13	12	448	393	298	343

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

First Quarter 1971 with Comparative Figures for 1970

First quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970 \$'000	1971 \$'000	
8	7	8	—	44	35	3,159	1,985	1
1	1	1	—	7	12	256	6,352	2
—	—	—	—	1	2	39	507	3
—	—	—	—	10	7	456	1,594	4
1	—	2	4	19	18	2,268	3,730	5
—	—	—	—	12	15	685	507	6
—	—	—	—	17	9	3,757	957	7
—	—	—	—	2	5	54	1,166	8
—	—	1	—	6	3	1,493	2,316	9
—	—	—	—	4	1	329	213	10
—	—	—	1	—	4	—	414	11
—	—	—	—	3	1	218	142	12
1	—	—	1	9	9	1,956	2,283	13
3	1	4	6	90	86	11,511	20,181	14
4	11	1	6	56	65	5,775	7,604	15
5	6	7	6	98	59	9,523	2,487	16
9	17	8	12	154	124	15,298	10,091	17
5	16	7	8	51	63	2,463	2,293	18
8	7	1	7	71	76	3,460	4,765	19
1	3	—	4	12	30	581	1,205	20
9	11	3	2	78	95	2,767	2,736	21
3	5	—	2	67	69	1,880	3,400	22
4	1	—	1	21	26	760	2,349	23
—	1	2	4	33	55	1,424	3,457	24
—	—	1	1	5	7	276	289	25
3	12	3	2	72	73	2,396	4,118	26
28	40	10	23	359	431	13,544	22,319	27
2	4	4	1	30	38	6,941	10,478	28
—	—	—	—	5	3	125	272	29
1	1	—	—	13	8	539	357	30
4	1	—	—	22	23	3,295	1,732	31
3	8	2	3	86	69	4,933	2,359	32
—	—	—	1	11	17	186	492	33
8	10	2	4	137	120	9,078	5,212	34
63	95	43	54	865	897	61,994	72,559	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

Total industries			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries						Construction industry											
Total			Total			Total			Wood industries including furniture			Primary and fabricated metals industries			Machinery industries			Transportation equipment industries			Total		
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	
\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1970-January .....																							
281	17,479		12	1,324		33	3,521		7	748		6	261		—	—		3	1,100		46	3,110	
301	24,488		15	480		32	3,246		5	282		6	696		1	19		2	371		50	8,937	
283	20,026		17	1,356		25	4,743		7	1,238		5	2,800		1	35		1	22		58	3,250	
April .....																							
288	25,253		15	834		39	6,958		9	1,516		5	1,633		1	580		2	57		38	5,044	
251	25,821		17	1,541		33	13,090		6	1,013		5	433		1	363		2	4,116		35	1,810	
257	21,475		12	634		15	2,128		2	55		1	27		—	—		—	—		26	1,165	
July .....																							
282	19,427		16	1,153		34	3,650		6	432		2	167		2	369		4	277		45	4,772	
197	17,037		9	360		20	5,630		4	46		2	468		1	1,515		1	2,209		18	1,316	
September ...																							
279	19,054		6	246		32	3,235		8	627		7	842		1	449		—	—		44	4,265	
October .....																							
290	21,991		15	525		33	3,973		6	214		5	657		2	57		2	621		46	4,257	
295	18,084		21	1,016		26	2,665		4	106		3	194		1	38		1	10		49	4,724	
277	27,513		11	1,684		27	8,816		3	151		1	407		2	198		—	—		35	1,705	
1971-January .....																							
265	22,138		11	574		25	3,411		6	1,018		5	354		—	—		1	151		35	5,627	
303	22,384		13	699		22	8,704		3	103		2	515		4	970		2	2,165		48	2,570	
329	28,037		11	712		39	8,066		9	2,609		2	88		1	196		—	—		41	1,894	
April .....																							
May .....																							
June .....																							
July .....																							
August .....																							
September ...																							
October .....																							
November ....																							
December ....																							
Three Months 1970																							
865	61,994		44	3,160		90	11,510		19	2,268		17	3,757		2	54		6	1,493		154	15,297	
Three Months 1971																							
897	72,559		35	1,985		86	20,181		18	3,730		9	957		5	1,166		3	2,316		124	10,091	

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries — Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries				Trade industries				Finance industries				Service industries			
	Total		Food		Apparel and shoes		Household furniture and appliances		Total		Total		Total		Total	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1970-January .....	15	1,333	126	4,582	21	1,284	25	533	13	625	8	2,201	41	1,409		
February .....	18	776	123	4,516	23	872	25	667	11	318	13	1,028	50	5,505		
March .....	18	354	110	4,446	27	1,304	17	680	9	461	9	3,712	46	2,164		
April .....	24	1,160	125	6,680	23	697	18	1,276	19	676	18	3,133	29	1,445		
May .....	21	808	100	4,883	13	820	17	705	13	820	8	2,448	37	1,240		
June .....	23	969	130	7,524	18	591	17	897	19	1,316	11	4,448	40	4,606		
July .....	19	352	116	5,450	21	542	13	554	17	1,036	10	1,029	42	3,021		
August .....	14	296	89	4,929	16	472	16	871	13	1,107	6	1,119	41	3,387		
September .....	17	2,235	129	4,574	22	503	14	365	9	463	11	2,897	40	1,603		
October .....	18	312	122	8,942	21	3,937	20	611	17	1,578	8	1,121	48	2,860		
November .....	24	515	130	6,177	28	1,008	14	307	19	1,284	7	1,339	38	1,649		
December .....	31	2,692	111	7,802	25	1,170	11	471	21	1,656	9	1,885	53	2,928		
1971-January .....	13	563	136	8,129	27	1,969	22	1,218	21	1,256	13	2,386	32	1,449		
February .....	27	694	144	7,371	18	1,199	27	1,487	20	1,030	9	764	40	1,581		
March .....	23	1,036	151	6,820	31	1,597	20	695	14	1,171	16	7,328	48	2,182		
April .....																
May .....																
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November .....																
December .....																
Three Months 1970 .....	51	2,463	359	13,544	71	3,460	67	1,880	33	1,424	30	6,941	137	9,078		
Three Months 1971 .....	63	2,293	431	22,320	76	4,765	69	3,400	55	3,457	38	10,478	120	5,212		

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1970-January .....	5	256	148	11,151	97	5,223	8	222	8	239
February .....	2	248	160	16,215	104	6,089	8	476	3	66
March .....	6	183	140	13,293	97	3,765	5	93	4	129
April .....	4	143	133	14,378	111	5,778	6	1,123	4	238
May .....	4	71	107	16,057	99	7,591	4	164	12	634
June .....	1	11	115	8,385	108	10,599	5	369	4	173
July .....	3	116	103	8,285	130	6,953	6	95	5	146
August .....	2	268	97	10,656	64	4,230	5	240	8	311
September .....	4	136	127	8,769	106	7,348	7	927	6	617
October .....	4	95	140	12,975	92	4,987	1	16	15	675
November .....	6	381	127	7,460	116	8,171	8	664	6	186
December .....	4	5,439	146	10,837	88	6,235	7	298	5	221
1971-January .....	4	3,214	127	7,757	100	8,646	5	238	7	1,118
February .....	5	234	117	13,183	119	6,555	8	521	16	565
March .....	3	371	149	16,388	124	8,146	8	361	13	607
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three Months 1970 .....	13	687	448	40,659	298	15,077	21	791	15	434
Three Months 1971 .....	12	3,819	393	37,328	343	23,347	21	1,120	36	2,290
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1970-January .....	6	136	9	252	281	17,479	40	1,875	76	5,748
February .....	11	480	13	915	301	24,489	41	3,507	96	13,410
March .....	10	613	21	1,950	283	20,026	41	1,748	77	11,247
April .....	16	2,284	14	1,309	288	25,253	39	3,205	63	5,539
May .....	15	894	10	410	251	25,821	34	4,103	55	9,405
June .....	7	164	17	1,774	257	21,475	32	2,121	67	5,387
July .....	16	2,169	19	1,663	282	19,427	54	3,327	51	5,619
August .....	9	872	12	460	197	17,037	24	1,854	52	6,143
September .....	15	920	14	337	279	19,054	36	1,958	70	3,250
October .....	12	966	26	2,277	290	21,991	32	2,716	78	8,553
November .....	9	577	23	645	295	18,084	50	3,773	62	4,259
December .....	10	2,603	17	1,882	277	27,513	37	2,992	86	6,490
1971-January .....	8	231	14	934	265	22,138	40	3,906	64	4,216
February .....	20	573	18	753	303	22,384	42	2,392	47	9,778
March .....	10	946	22	1,219	329	28,037	48	4,680	69	10,596
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three Months 1970 .....	27	1,229	43	3,117	865	61,994	122	7,130	249	30,405
Three Months 1971 .....	38	1,750	54	2,905	897	72,559	130	10,978	180	24,590

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1970					1971				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	—	1	1	4	—				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	25	18	26	14	83	19				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	19	20	21	82	16				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	17	10	15	20	62	17				
Over \$100,000 .....	24	40	24	30	118	34				
Totals .....	90	87	86	86	349	86				
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	1	5	5	15	3				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	55	40	36	47	178	46				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	44	29	25	38	136	33				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	19	17	22	18	76	28				
Over \$100,000 .....	32	12	19	22	85	14				
Totals .....	154	99	107	130	490	124				
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	6	9	10	38	8				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	188	172	160	144	664	195				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	86	87	89	102	364	109				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	46	48	48	61	203	76				
Over \$100,000 .....	26	42	28	46	142	43				
Totals .....	359	355	334	363	1,411	431				
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	5	2	7	19	7				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	70	54	52	73	249	52				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	28	22	34	25	109	35				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	10	19	18	62	15				
Over \$100,000 .....	19	15	16	16	66	11				
Totals .....	137	106	123	139	505	120				
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	27	13	18	27	85	19				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	396	353	324	348	1,421	370				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	209	188	194	222	813	228				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	112	105	119	135	471	156				
Over \$100,000 .....	121	137	103	130	491	124				
Totals .....	865	796	758	862	3,281	897				
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	14	7	10	13	44	8				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	203	148	140	155	646	158				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	97	88	72	99	356	108				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	57	50	61	76	244	62				
Over \$100,000 .....	77	62	44	70	253	57				
Totals .....	448	355	327	413	1,543	393				
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	5	6	11	34	8				
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	140	153	131	128	552	146				
25,000 " 50,000 ....	76	69	87	79	311	80				
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	41	38	40	157	62				
Over \$100,000 .....	32	50	38	38	158	47				
Totals .....	298	318	300	296	1,212	343				

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1970-January .....	62.2	51.4	75.3	53.8	27.1	28.0	106.7	67.6	36.4	34.4
February .....	81.4	123.5	101.3	58.5	46.5	70.4	101.5	178.7	36.7	110.1
March .....	70.8	30.5	95.0	38.8	43.9	92.9	189.7	56.0	40.4	47.0
April .....	87.7	35.8	108.1	52.1	140.2	93.5	178.4	132.7	53.4	49.8
May .....	102.9	17.8	150.1	76.7	54.6	41.0	396.7	51.7	48.8	33.5
June .....	83.6	11.0	72.9	98.1	44.1	104.4	141.5	44.8	57.9	115.2
July .....	68.9	38.3	80.4	53.5	89.3	87.5	107.4	106.0	47.0	71.9
August .....	86.5	134.0	109.9	66.1	64.7	38.3	281.5	73.1	55.4	82.6
September .....	68.3	34.0	69.9	69.3	88.0	24.1	101.1	96.9	35.5	40.1
October .....	75.8	23.8	92.7	54.4	58.5	87.6	120.4	92.5	73.3	59.6
November .....	61.3	63.5	58.7	70.4	62.0	28.0	102.5	96.4	47.5	43.4
December .....	99.3	1,359.8	74.4	61.6	126.3	110.7	326.5	48.7	70.3	55.2
1971-January .....	83.5	803.5	61.1	86.5	79.4	66.7	136.4	160.8	59.8	45.3
February .....	73.9	46.8	112.7	55.1	37.7	41.8	395.6	53.5	51.2	39.5
March .....	85.2	123.7	110.0	65.7	88.0	55.4	206.8	46.2	45.2	45.5
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three Months 1970 ...	71.7	52.8	90.8	50.6	39.0	72.5	127.9	99.3	37.7	66.3
Three Months 1971 ...	80.9	318.2	95.0	68.1	89.0	53.8	234.7	81.4	51.8	43.4

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the coverage above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1970-January .....	123	—	28	81	9	5	20	17	—	3
February .....	173	2	54	99	14	4	21	15	6	—
March .....	174	2	57	102	6	7	34	25	5	4
April .....	182	3	57	104	12	6	16	14	2	—
May .....	183	—	45	110	19	9	37	25	8	4
June .....	233	4	72	135	13	9	32	25	7	—
July .....	181	1	44	116	12	8	31	25	4	2
August .....	182	2	57	97	15	11	25	17	6	2
September .....	236	1	71	140	13	11	28	17	7	4
October .....	287	2	87	162	17	19	24	17	7	—
November .....	280	4	79	162	16	19	29	22	5	2
December .....	192	2	61	94	18	17	35	26	8	1
1971-January .....	216	2	78	111	11	14	33	28	3	2
February .....	250	2	56	142	25	25	32	20	4	8
March .....	321	6	81	181	25	28	34	27	5	2
April .....										
May .....										
June .....										
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Three Months 1970 ...	470	4	139	282	29	16	75	57	11	7
Three Months 1971 ...	787	10	215	434	61	67	99	75	12	12



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## SECOND QUARTER 1971

The total number of business failures filed under the Provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding up Acts during the second quarter of 1971 has been estimated at 811 compared with 796 for the second quarter of 1970. Estimated liabilities in default fell from \$72,549,000 to \$58,587,000.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade industry with 327 compared with 355 in the second quarter of 1970. Liabilities were lower with \$14,321,000 in comparison with \$19,086,000 in the previous second quarter. There was little change in the number of insolvencies in the manufacturing industry and the liabilities were lower by over \$6,000,000. In the construction industry the number of business failures increased from 99 to 109 and the liabilities from \$8,019,000 to \$11,853,000. The number of failures in the finance industry declined from 37 to 22 and the liabilities from \$10,029,000 to \$2,941,000. In the service industry the number of insolvencies increased from 106 to 120 but the liabilities were lower in the second quarter comparison.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

There were 353 bankruptcies in Quebec in the second quarter of 1971 compared with 355 in the second quarter of 1970. Liabilities declined from \$38,820,000 to \$31,502,000. In Ontario the number of insolvencies showed little change and the liabilities were lower by over \$4,000,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of business failures increased from 73 to 85 but the liabilities declined from \$6,043,000 to \$4,654,000. The number of bankruptcies in British Columbia increased from 41 to 47 but the liabilities were lower in the 1970-71 second quarter comparison.

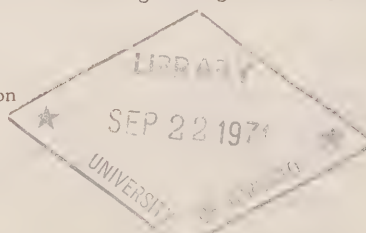
Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of bankruptcies involved businesses in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. There was an increase in the first four size groups but a decline in \$100,000 and over group in the 1970-71 comparison.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter 1971 with Comparative Figures for 1970

No.		Second Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
1	Primary industries .....	—	5	9	16	29	27
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	—	—	6	2	2	1
3	Textile industries .....	—	—	1	1	2	1
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	—	—	10	15	1	8
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	—	—	10	6	7	8
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	—	—	7	8	4	3
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	—	—	4	1	4	4
8	Machinery industries .....	—	—	1	—	—	—
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	—	—	2	2	2	—
10	Electrical products industries .....	—	—	—	2	2	2
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	—	—	1	—	—	2
12	Chemical industries .....	—	—	2	—	1	—
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	—	—	10	10	2	5
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	—	—	54	47	27	34
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	—	—	14	22	18	15
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	—	24	19	25	29
17	Total construction industries .....	1	—	38	41	43	44
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	2	—	24	27	24	34
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	1	—	36	39	16	16
20	General merchandise .....	2	—	4	4	5	4
21	Automotive products .....	—	1	37	23	28	27
22	Apparel and shoes .....	—	—	27	27	19	18
23	Hardware .....	—	—	9	7	11	9
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	—	—	22	18	23	14
25	Drugs .....	—	—	3	5	—	5
26	Other trades .....	2	—	33	38	32	24
27	Total trade .....	5	1	171	161	134	117
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	—	—	13	9	17	10
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	—	—	4	4	2	2
30	Recreational services .....	—	—	2	4	7	6
31	Business services .....	—	1	5	11	7	7
32	Personal services .....	1	—	33	33	25	33
33	Other services .....	—	—	2	—	3	5
34	Total services .....	1	1	46	52	44	53
35	Totals .....	9	7	355	353	318	319

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries

Second Quarter 1971 with Comparative Figures for 1970

Second Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	
						\$'000	\$'000	
3	7	3	4	44	59	3,010	3,075	1
1	1	—	—	9	4	1,343	905	2
—	—	—	—	3	2	339	269	3
—	—	—	—	11	23	6,736	5,919	4
—	—	—	3	17	17	2,585	1,629	5
—	—	—	—	11	11	1,174	413	6
3	1	—	—	11	6	2,093	2,290	7
1	1	—	—	2	1	943	403	8
—	—	—	1	4	3	4,173	208	9
—	—	—	—	2	4	444	1,641	10
—	—	—	—	1	2	223	405	11
—	—	—	—	3	—	112	—	12
1	1	—	—	13	16	2,011	1,858	13
6	4	—	4	87	89	22,176	15,940	14
3	11	5	1	40	49	4,806	8,228	15
7	8	2	4	59	60	3,213	3,625	16
10	19	7	5	99	109	8,019	11,853	17
14	16	4	8	68	85	2,938	3,369	18
1	2	—	1	54	58	2,108	3,689	19
—	1	2	—	13	9	342	244	20
10	8	3	2	78	61	3,023	1,376	21
3	6	3	4	52	55	2,878	2,302	22
3	5	1	2	24	23	2,710	1,279	23
1	2	5	2	51	36	2,812	1,136	24
—	—	1	—	4	10	140	904	25
7	6	5	7	79	75	5,073	3,391	26
25	30	20	18	355	327	19,086	14,321	27
5	2	2	1	37	22	10,029	2,941	28
—	—	—	—	6	6	204	1,605	29
—	—	—	1	9	11	397	850	30
2	1	2	—	16	20	2,457	1,853	31
7	6	3	6	69	78	4,007	2,649	32
1	—	—	—	6	5	226	131	33
10	7	5	7	106	120	7,291	7,088	34
73	85	41	47	796	811	72,549	58,587	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

Total industries			Primary industries		Manufacturing industries								Construction industry					
Total			Total		Total		Wood industries including furniture		Primary and fabricated metals industries		Machinery industries		Transportation equipment industries		Total			
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.		
\$'000			\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000			
1970-January .....																		
281	17,479		12	1,324	33	3,521	7	748	6	261	—	—	3	1,100	46	3,110		
301	24,489		15	480	32	3,246	5	282	6	696	1	19	2	371	50	8,937		
283	20,026		17	1,356	25	4,743	7	1,238	5	2,800	1	35	1	22	58	3,250		
April .....																		
288	25,253		15	834	39	6,958	9	1,516	5	1,633	1	580	2	57	38	5,044		
251	25,821		17	1,541	33	13,090	6	1,013	5	433	1	363	2	4,116	35	1,810		
257	21,475		12	634	15	2,128	2	55	1	27	—	—	—	—	26	1,165		
July .....																		
282	19,427		16	1,153	34	3,650	6	432	2	167	2	369	4	277	45	4,772		
197	17,037		9	360	20	5,630	4	46	2	468	1	1,515	1	2,209	18	1,316		
279	19,054		6	246	32	3,235	8	627	7	842	1	449	—	—	44	4,265		
October .....																		
290	21,991		15	525	33	3,973	6	214	5	657	2	57	2	621	46	4,257		
295	18,084		21	1,016	26	2,665	4	106	3	194	1	38	1	10	49	4,724		
277	27,513		11	1,684	27	8,816	3	151	1	407	2	198	—	—	35	1,705		
1971-January .....																		
266	22,181		11	574	25	3,411	6	1,018	5	354	—	—	1	151	35	5,647		
305	22,558		14	809	22	8,704	3	103	2	515	4	970	2	2,165	48	2,570		
339	32,807		11	712	40	8,506	9	2,609	2	88	1	196	—	—	44	4,668		
April .....																		
291	21,860		24	945	26	2,263	5	435	—	—	1	402	—	—	39	7,892		
274	17,686		18	1,063	33	5,921	6	288	1	29	—	—	2	158	44	1,983		
246	19,042		17	1,067	30	7,756	6	906	5	2,261	—	—	1	50	26	1,979		
July .....																		
August .....																		
September .....																		
October .....																		
November .....																		
December .....																		
Six Months 1970 ..			1,661	134,543	88	6,169	177	33,686	36	4,852	28	5,850	4	997	10	5,666	253	23,316
Six Months 1971 ..			1,721	136,134	95	5,170	176	36,561	35	5,359	15	3,247	6	1,568	6	2,524	236	24,739

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Food			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number	Total	Liab.	Number
	\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000		
1970 -January .....	15	1,333	126	4,582	21	1,284	25	533	13	625	8	2,201	41	1,409				
February .....	18	776	123	4,516	23	872	25	667	11	318	13	1,028	50	5,505				
March .....	18	354	110	4,446	27	1,304	17	680	9	481	9	3,712	46	2,164				
April .....	24	1,160	125	6,680	23	697	18	1,276	19	676	18	3,133	29	1,445				
May .....	21	808	100	4,883	13	820	17	705	13	820	8	2,448	37	1,240				
June .....	23	969	130	7,524	18	591	17	897	19	1,316	11	4,448	40	4,606				
July .....	19	352	116	5,450	21	542	13	554	17	1,036	10	1,029	42	3,021				
August .....	14	296	89	4,929	16	472	16	871	13	1,107	6	1,119	41	3,387				
September .....	17	2,235	129	4,574	22	503	14	365	9	463	11	2,897	40	1,603				
October .....	18	312	122	8,942	21	3,937	20	611	17	1,578	8	1,121	48	2,860				
November .....	24	515	130	6,177	28	1,008	14	307	19	1,284	7	1,339	38	1,649				
December .....	31	2,692	111	7,802	25	1,170	11	471	21	1,656	9	1,885	53	2,928				
1971 -January .....	13	563	137	8,152	27	1,969	23	1,241	21	1,256	13	2,386	32	1,449				
February .....	27	694	145	7,435	19	1,263	27	1,487	20	1,030	9	764	40	1,581				
March .....	23	1,036	156	8,338	32	1,617	22	786	14	1,171	16	7,328	49	2,201				
April .....	32	1,232	121	5,717	16	1,406	19	923	19	616	9	731	40	3,079				
May .....	28	857	97	4,177	21	1,481	20	718	6	105	7	975	47	2,711				
June .....	25	1,280	109	4,427	21	802	16	661	11	414	6	1,233	33	1,298				
July .....																		
August .....																		
September .....																		
October .....																		
November .....																		
December .....																		
Six Months 1970 .....	119	5,400	714	32,631	125	5,568	119	4,758	84	4,236	67	16,970	243	16,369				
Six Months 1971 .....	148	5,662	765	38,266	136	8,538	127	5,816	91	4,592	60	13,419	241	12,319				



TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1970-January .....	5	256	148	11,151	97	5,223	8	222	8	239
February .....	2	248	160	16,215	104	6,089	8	476	3	66
March .....	6	183	140	13,293	97	3,765	5	93	4	129
April .....	4	143	133	14,378	111	5,778	6	1,123	4	238
May .....	4	71	107	16,057	99	7,591	4	164	12	634
June .....	1	11	115	8,385	108	10,599	5	369	4	173
July .....	3	116	103	8,285	130	6,953	6	95	5	146
August .....	2	268	97	10,656	64	4,230	5	240	8	311
September .....	4	136	127	8,769	106	7,348	7	927	6	617
October .....	4	95	140	12,975	92	4,987	1	16	15	675
November .....	6	381	127	7,460	116	8,171	8	664	6	186
December .....	4	5,439	146	10,837	88	6,235	7	298	5	221
1971-January .....	4	3,214	127	7,757	101	8,669	5	238	7	1,138
February .....	6	344	118	13,247	119	6,555	8	521	16	565
March .....	4	411	151	16,805	125	8,217	9	371	14	668
April .....	3	51	139	13,696	105	6,106	5	597	15	344
May .....	1	68	120	9,462	111	6,056	8	185	8	594
June .....	3	128	94	8,344	103	7,433	3	48	6	156
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six Months 1970 .....	22	912	803	79,479	616	39,045	36	2,447	35	1,479
Six Months 1971 .....	21	4,216	749	69,311	664	43,036	38	1,960	66	3,465
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
1970-January .....	6	136	9	252	281	17,479	40	1,875	76	5,748
February .....	11	480	13	915	301	24,489	41	3,507	96	13,410
March .....	10	613	21	1,950	283	20,026	41	1,748	77	11,247
April .....	16	2,284	14	1,309	288	25,253	39	3,205	63	5,539
May .....	15	894	10	410	251	25,821	34	4,103	55	9,405
June .....	7	164	17	1,774	257	21,475	32	2,121	67	5,387
July .....	16	2,169	19	1,663	282	19,427	54	3,327	51	5,619
August .....	9	872	12	460	197	17,037	24	1,854	52	6,143
September .....	15	920	14	337	279	19,054	36	1,958	70	3,250
October .....	12	966	26	2,277	290	21,991	32	2,716	78	8,553
November .....	9	577	23	645	295	18,084	50	3,773	62	4,259
December .....	10	2,603	17	1,882	277	27,513	37	2,992	86	6,490
1971-January .....	8	231	14	934	266	22,181	40	3,906	64	4,216
February .....	20	573	18	753	305	22,558	42	2,392	47	9,778
March .....	10	946	26	5,389	339	32,807	48	4,680	71	11,013
April .....	6	144	18	922	291	21,860	34	2,097	65	9,215
May .....	11	871	15	450	274	17,686	39	3,469	68	7,165
June .....	23	1,715	14	1,218	246	19,042	30	2,544	48	5,782
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six Months 1970 .....	65	4,571	84	6,610	1,661	134,543	227	16,559	434	50,736
Six Months 1971 .....	78	4,480	105	9,666	1,721	136,134	233	19,088	363	47,169

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1970					1971				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	—	1	1	4	—	1			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	25	18	26	14	83	19	18			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	19	20	21	82	15	20			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	17	10	15	20	62	18	17			
Over \$100,000 .....	24	40	24	30	118	35	33			
Totals .....	90	87	86	86	349	87	89			
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	1	5	5	15	3	4			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	55	40	36	47	178	46	46			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	44	29	25	38	136	33	26			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	19	17	22	18	76	29	15			
Over \$100,000 .....	32	12	19	22	85	16	18			
Totals .....	154	99	107	130	490	127	109			
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	6	9	10	38	8	6			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	188	172	160	144	664	198	166			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	86	87	89	102	364	110	77			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	46	48	48	61	203	78	49			
Over \$100,000 .....	26	42	28	46	142	44	29			
Totals .....	359	355	334	363	1,411	438	327			
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	5	2	7	19	7	6			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	70	54	52	73	249	53	48			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	28	22	34	25	109	35	34			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	10	19	18	62	15	19			
Over \$100,000 .....	19	15	16	16	66	11	13			
Totals .....	137	106	123	139	505	121	120			
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	27	13	18	27	85	19	18			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	396	353	324	348	1,421	374	354			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	209	188	194	222	813	228	201			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	112	105	119	135	471	160	126			
Over \$100,000 .....	121	137	103	130	491	129	112			
Totals .....	865	796	758	862	3,281	910	811			
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	14	7	10	13	44	8	9			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	203	148	140	155	646	158	150			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	97	88	72	99	356	109	74			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	57	50	61	76	244	63	64			
Over \$100,000 .....	77	62	44	70	253	58	56			
Totals .....	448	355	327	413	1,543	396	353			
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	5	6	11	34	8	9			
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	140	153	131	128	552	148	139			
25,000 " 50,000 ....	76	69	87	79	311	79	82			
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	41	38	40	157	63	47			
Over \$100,000 .....	32	50	38	38	158	47	42			
Totals .....	298	318	300	296	1,212	345	319			

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1970-January .....	62.2	51.4	75.3	53.8	27.1	28.0	106.7	67.6	36.4	34.4
February .....	81.4	123.5	101.3	58.5	46.5	70.4	101.5	178.7	36.7	110.1
March .....	70.8	30.5	95.0	38.8	43.9	92.9	189.7	56.0	40.4	47.0
April .....	87.7	35.8	108.1	52.1	140.2	93.5	178.4	132.7	53.4	49.8
May .....	102.9	17.8	150.1	76.7	54.6	41.0	396.7	51.7	48.8	33.5
June .....	83.6	11.0	72.9	98.1	44.1	104.4	141.5	44.8	57.9	115.2
July .....	68.9	38.3	80.4	53.5	89.3	87.5	107.4	106.0	47.0	71.9
August .....	86.5	134.0	109.9	66.1	64.7	38.3	281.5	73.1	55.4	82.6
September .....	68.3	34.0	69.9	69.3	88.0	24.1	101.1	96.9	35.5	40.1
October .....	75.8	23.8	92.7	54.4	58.5	87.6	120.4	92.5	73.3	59.6
November .....	61.3	63.5	58.7	70.4	62.0	28.0	102.5	96.4	47.5	43.4
December .....	99.3	1,359.8	74.4	61.6	126.3	110.7	326.5	48.7	70.3	55.2
1971-January .....	83.4	803.5	61.1	85.8	80.4	66.7	136.4	161.3	59.5	45.3
February .....	74.0	57.3	112.3	55.1	37.7	41.8	395.6	53.5	51.3	39.5
March .....	96.8	102.8	111.3	65.7	60.2	207.3	212.6	161.3	54.6	44.9
April .....	75.1	17.0	98.5	58.2	51.7	51.2	87.0	202.4	47.2	77.0
May .....	64.5	68.0	78.8	54.6	61.1	30.0	179.4	45.1	43.1	57.7
June .....	77.4	42.7	88.8	72.2	60.0	87.0	258.5	76.1	40.6	39.3
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six Months 1970 ....	81.0	41.5	99.0	63.4	62.5	78.7	190.3	92.2	45.7	67.4
Six Months 1971 ....	79.1	200.7	92.5	64.8	54.4	92.1	207.7	104.8	50.0	51.1

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the coverage above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1970-January .....	123	—	28	81	9	5	20	17	—	3
February .....	173	2	54	99	14	4	21	15	6	—
March .....	174	2	57	102	6	7	34	25	5	4
April .....	182	3	57	104	12	6	16	14	2	—
May .....	183	—	45	110	19	9	37	25	8	4
June .....	233	4	72	135	13	9	32	25	7	—
July .....	181	1	44	116	12	8	31	25	4	2
August .....	182	2	57	97	15	11	25	17	6	2
September .....	236	1	71	140	13	11	28	17	7	4
October .....	287	2	87	162	17	19	24	17	7	—
November .....	280	4	79	162	16	19	29	22	5	2
December .....	192	2	61	94	18	17	35	26	8	1
1971-January .....	216	2	78	111	11	14	33	28	3	2
February .....	251	3	56	142	25	25	32	20	4	8
March .....	330	6	84	185	26	29	34	27	5	2
April .....	252	1	78	144	15	14	27	17	10	—
May .....	249	3	65	139	29	13	27	20	3	4
June .....	216	2	51	120	28	15	21	14	5	2
July .....										
August .....										
September .....										
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Six Months 1970 ....	1,068	11	313	631	73	40	160	121	28	11
Six Months 1971 ....	1,514	17	412	841	134	110	174	126	30	18

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## THIRD QUARTER 1971

The total number of business failures under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts during the third quarter of 1971 has been estimated at 741 compared with 758 for the third quarter of 1970. Estimated defaulted liabilities increased from \$55,517,000 to \$60,700,000 in the 1970-71 third quarter comparison.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

The largest number of bankruptcies occurred in the trade industry with 346 failures compared with 334 in the third quarter of 1970. Liabilities in the trade industry increased from \$14,953,000 to \$20,043,000. In the manufacturing industries the number of insolvencies decreased from 86 to 72 and the liabilities from \$12,515,000 to \$8,476,000. Failures in the construction industry declined from 107 to 96 and the liabilities from \$10,353,000 to \$4,932,000. In the finance industry the number of failures increased from 27 to 30 and the liabilities rose from \$5,045,000 to \$15,588,000. In the service industries the number of bankruptcies declined from 123 to 103 and the liabilities from \$8,011,000 to \$7,696,000.

Failures and Liabilities Regionally

The number of insolvencies in Quebec increased from 327 to 353 but the liabilities declined from \$27,710,000 to \$27,171,000 in the 1970-71 comparison. In Ontario the number of business failures declined from 300 to 264 but the liabilities increased from \$18,531,000 to \$26,875,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of bankruptcies were 68 with 77 in the previous third quarter. The defaulted liabilities decreased from \$6,296,000 to \$3,247,000. There was little change in the number of failures in British Columbia and the liabilities increased from \$2,400,000 to \$2,910,000.

Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Bankruptcies in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 and the over \$100,000 size groups increased in the 1970-71 third quarter comparison.

Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter 1971 with Comparative Figures for 1970

No.		Third Quarter					
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario	
		1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	—	1	7	14	8	16
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>						
2	Food and beverage industries .....	—	—	4	1	1	1
3	Textile industries .....	—	—	1	1	—	—
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	—	—	8	8	4	2
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	—	—	10	7	5	2
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	—	—	5	9	3	7
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	—	—	6	7	5	5
8	Machinery industries .....	—	—	3	1	1	2
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	1	—	1	—	2	1
10	Electrical products industries .....	—	—	—	2	—	—
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	—	—	3	1	1	—
12	Chemical industries .....	—	—	1	1	1	1
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	—	—	7	6	3	2
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	1	—	49	44	26	23
	<u>Construction industries:</u>						
15	General contractors .....	1	1	14	15	21	12
16	Special trade contractors .....	1	1	19	25	30	16
17	Total construction industries .....	2	2	33	40	51	28
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	1	—	13	17	24	24
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>						
19	Food .....	3	1	36	35	17	32
20	General merchandise .....	—	1	5	3	11	4
21	Automotive products .....	—	1	30	30	23	27
22	Apparel and shoes .....	—	1	23	30	16	19
23	Hardware .....	—	—	9	9	8	5
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	—	—	16	24	15	16
25	Drugs .....	—	1	5	6	2	2
26	Other trades .....	—	—	38	39	35	21
27	Total trade .....	3	5	162	176	127	126
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	—	8	12	14	11
	<u>Services:</u>						
29	Education, health and welfare .....	—	—	1	6	2	3
30	Recreational services .....	—	—	1	4	1	4
31	Business services .....	—	—	6	7	13	5
32	Personal services .....	1	1	44	30	34	19
33	Other services .....	—	—	3	3	—	5
34	Total services .....	1	1	55	50	50	36
35	Totals .....	9	9	327	353	300	264



TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Third Quarter 1971 with Comparative Figures for 1970

Third Quarter								No.
Prairie Provinces		British Columbia		Total				
				Number		Liabilities		
1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970 \$'000	1971 \$'000	
9	5	7	4	31	40	1,759	2,583	1
—	1	—	—	5	3	495	271	2
—	—	—	—	1	1	40	55	3
—	—	—	—	12	10	1,459	903	4
2	—	1	—	18	9	1,105	195	5
2	1	1	1	11	18	1,318	3,987	6
—	—	—	1	11	13	1,478	869	7
—	—	—	1	4	4	2,332	1,008	8
1	—	—	—	5	1	2,486	116	9
—	—	1	—	1	2	24	342	10
—	—	1	—	5	1	203	408	11
—	—	—	—	2	2	81	82	12
—	—	1	—	11	8	1,494	240	13
5	2	5	3	86	72	12,515	8,476	14
7	4	2	4	45	36	5,587	2,439	15
10	10	2	8	62	60	4,766	2,493	16
17	14	4	12	107	96	10,353	4,932	17
8	8	4	5	50	54	2,881	1,382	18
2	2	1	1	59	71	1,517	2,456	19
—	1	—	1	16	10	888	815	20
8	9	5	1	66	68	3,330	2,755	21
3	4	1	2	43	56	1,791	2,430	22
2	1	1	1	20	16	917	1,803	23
4	—	4	—	39	40	2,606	2,922	24
1	1	2	1	10	11	491	331	25
4	8	4	6	81	74	3,413	6,531	26
24	26	18	13	334	346	14,953	20,043	27
3	5	1	2	27	30	5,045	15,588	28
1	—	—	—	4	9	172	1,590	29
—	—	1	1	3	9	123	427	30
4	1	1	3	24	16	2,585	3,113	31
1	6	4	4	84	60	4,974	2,248	32
5	1	—	—	8	9	157	318	33
11	8	6	8	123	103	8,011	7,696	34
77	68	45	47	758	741	55,517	60,700	35



TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries - Concluded

	Transportation communication and utilities industries			Trade industries			Household furniture and appliances			Finance industries			Service industries		
	Total			Total			Food			Apparel and shoes			Total		
	Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.	Total
		\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000			\$'000	\$'000
1970-January .....	15	1,333	126	4,582	21	1,284	25	533	13	625	8	2,201	41	1,409	
February .....	18	776	123	4,516	23	872	25	667	11	318	13	1,028	50	5,505	
March .....	18	354	110	4,446	27	1,304	17	680	9	481	9	3,712	46	2,164	
April .....	24	1,160	125	6,680	23	697	18	1,276	19	676	18	3,133	29	1,445	
May .....	21	808	100	4,883	13	820	17	705	13	820	8	2,448	37	1,240	
June .....	23	969	130	7,524	18	591	17	897	19	1,316	11	4,448	40	4,606	
July .....	19	352	116	5,450	21	542	13	554	17	1,036	10	1,029	42	3,021	
August .....	14	296	89	4,929	16	472	16	871	13	1,107	6	1,119	41	3,387	
September .....	17	2,235	129	4,574	22	503	14	365	9	463	11	2,897	40	1,603	
October .....	18	312	122	8,942	21	3,937	20	611	17	1,578	8	1,121	48	2,860	
November .....	24	515	130	6,177	28	1,008	14	307	19	1,284	7	1,339	38	1,649	
December .....	31	2,692	111	7,802	25	1,170	11	471	21	1,656	9	1,885	53	2,928	
1971-January .....	13	563	137	8,152	27	1,969	23	1,241	21	1,256	13	2,386	32	1,449	
February .....	27	694	145	7,435	19	1,263	27	1,487	20	1,030	9	764	40	1,581	
March .....	23	1,036	156	8,358	32	1,617	22	786	14	1,171	16	7,328	49	2,266	
April .....	32	1,232	122	5,752	16	1,406	20	958	19	616	9	731	40	3,079	
May .....	28	857	97	4,177	21	1,481	20	718	6	105	7	975	47	2,711	
June .....	25	1,280	114	4,835	21	802	17	691	11	414	7	1,246	35	1,490	
July .....	16	328	118	9,496	19	836	25	997	10	1,293	14	2,473	31	3,551	
August .....	21	605	113	4,753	19	581	21	1,099	17	694	12	12,059	35	2,845	
September .....	17	449	115	5,794	33	1,039	10	334	13	935	4	1,056	37	1,301	
October .....															
November .....															
December .....															
Nine months 1970 .....	169	8,283	1,048	47,584	184	7,085	162	6,548	123	6,842	94	22,015	366	24,380	
Nine months 1971 .....	202	7,044	1,117	58,752	207	10,994	185	8,311	131	7,514	91	29,018	346	20,273	

TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1970-January .....	5	256	148	11,151	97	5,223	8	222	8	239
February .....	2	248	160	16,215	104	6,089	8	476	3	66
March .....	6	183	140	13,293	97	3,765	5	93	4	129
April .....	4	143	133	14,378	111	5,778	6	1,123	4	238
May .....	4	71	107	16,057	99	7,591	4	164	12	634
June .....	1	11	115	8,385	108	10,599	5	369	4	173
July .....	3	116	103	8,285	130	6,953	6	95	5	146
August .....	2	268	97	10,656	64	4,230	5	240	8	311
September .....	4	136	127	8,769	106	7,348	7	927	6	617
October .....	4	95	140	12,975	92	4,987	1	16	15	675
November .....	6	381	127	7,460	116	8,171	8	664	6	186
December .....	4	5,439	146	10,837	88	6,235	7	298	5	221
1971-January .....	4	3,214	127	7,757	101	8,669	5	238	7	1,138
February .....	6	344	118	13,247	119	6,555	8	521	16	565
March .....	4	411	151	16,869	125	8,217	9	371	14	668
April .....	3	51	141	14,432	105	6,106	5	597	15	344
May .....	1	68	121	9,500	111	6,056	8	185	8	594
June .....	6	214	98	8,460	108	8,169	4	50	5	126
July .....	3	237	107	11,162	104	7,151	2	126	6	277
August .....	1	80	126	9,916	68	13,932	11	568	7	219
September .....	5	179	120	6,094	92	5,792	7	281	9	736
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine Months 1970 .....	31	1,432	1,130	107,189	916	57,576	54	3,709	54	2,553
Nine Months 1971 .....	33	4,798	1,109	97,437	933	70,647	59	2,937	87	4,667
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1970-January .....	6	136	9	252	281	17,479	40	1,875	76	5,748
February .....	11	480	13	915	301	24,489	41	3,507	96	13,410
March .....	10	613	21	1,950	283	20,026	41	1,748	77	11,247
April .....	16	2,284	14	1,309	288	25,253	39	3,205	63	5,539
May .....	15	894	10	410	251	25,821	34	4,103	55	9,405
June .....	7	164	17	1,774	257	21,475	32	2,121	67	5,387
July .....	16	2,169	19	1,663	282	19,427	54	3,327	51	5,619
August .....	9	872	12	460	197	17,037	24	1,854	52	6,143
September .....	15	920	14	337	279	19,054	36	1,958	70	3,250
October .....	12	966	26	2,277	290	21,991	32	2,716	78	8,553
November .....	9	577	23	645	295	18,084	50	3,773	62	4,259
December .....	10	2,603	17	1,882	277	27,513	37	2,992	86	6,490
1971-January .....	8	231	14	934	266	22,181	40	3,906	64	4,216
February .....	20	573	18	753	305	22,558	42	2,392	47	9,778
March .....	10	946	26	5,389	339	32,871	48	4,680	71	11,013
April .....	6	144	18	894	293	22,567	34	2,097	66	9,250
May .....	11	871	15	450	275	17,724	39	3,469	68	7,165
June .....	23	1,715	14	1,218	258	19,952	30	2,544	49	5,812
July .....	8	589	17	1,236	247	20,778	31	4,164	59	8,478
August .....	11	287	17	875	241	25,878	29	1,674	55	6,399
September .....	7	162	13	799	253	14,043	36	2,835	52	3,625
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine Months 1970 .....	105	8,532	129	9,070	2,419	190,061	341	23,698	607	65,748
Nine Months 1971 .....	104	5,518	152	12,548	2,477	198,552	329	27,761	531	65,736

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1970					1971				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<b>Manufacturing:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	—	1	1	4	—	1	—		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	25	18	26	14	83	19	18	20		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	19	20	21	82	15	21	15		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	17	10	15	20	62	18	17	19		
Over \$100,000 .....	24	40	24	30	118	35	34	18		
Totals .....	90	87	86	86	349	87	91	72		
<b>Construction:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	1	5	5	15	3	4	2		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	55	40	36	47	178	46	46	36		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	44	29	25	38	136	33	28	30		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	19	17	22	18	76	29	16	12		
Over \$100,000 .....	32	12	19	22	85	16	19	16		
Totals .....	154	99	107	130	490	127	113	96		
<b>Trade:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	6	9	10	38	8	6	3		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	188	172	160	144	664	198	167	147		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	86	87	89	102	364	110	80	96		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	46	48	48	61	203	78	49	57		
Over \$100,000 .....	26	42	28	46	142	44	31	43		
Totals .....	359	355	334	363	1,411	438	333	346		
<b>Service:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	5	2	7	19	7	7	6		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	70	54	52	73	249	53	48	52		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	28	22	34	25	109	34	34	16		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	10	19	18	62	16	19	17		
Over \$100,000 .....	19	15	16	16	66	11	14	12		
Totals .....	137	106	123	139	505	121	122	103		
<b>Total Canada:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	27	13	18	27	85	19	20	13		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	396	353	324	348	1,421	374	355	310		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	209	188	194	222	813	227	207	181		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	112	105	119	135	471	161	127	129		
Over \$100,000 .....	121	137	103	130	491	129	117	108		
Totals .....	865	796	758	862	3,281	910	826	741		
<b>Quebec:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	14	7	10	13	44	8	9	10		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	203	148	140	155	646	158	151	146		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	97	88	72	99	356	108	78	82		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	57	50	61	76	244	64	65	64		
Over \$100,000 .....	77	62	44	70	253	58	57	51		
Totals .....	448	355	327	413	1,543	396	360	353		
<b>Ontario:</b>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	5	6	11	34	8	9	3		
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	140	153	131	128	552	148	139	108		
25,000 " 50,000 ....	76	69	87	79	311	79	83	70		
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	41	38	40	157	63	47	48		
Over \$100,000 .....	32	50	38	38	158	47	46	35		
Totals .....	298	318	300	296	1,212	345	324	264		



TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1970-January .....	62.2	51.4	75.3	53.8	27.1	28.0	106.7	67.6	36.4	34.4
February .....	81.4	123.5	101.3	58.5	46.5	70.4	101.5	178.7	36.7	110.1
March .....	70.8	30.5	95.0	38.8	43.9	92.9	189.7	56.0	40.4	47.0
April .....	87.7	35.8	108.1	52.1	140.2	93.5	178.4	132.7	53.4	49.8
May .....	102.9	17.8	150.1	76.7	54.6	41.0	396.7	51.7	48.8	33.5
June .....	83.6	11.0	72.9	98.1	44.1	104.4	141.5	44.8	57.9	115.2
July .....	68.9	38.3	80.4	53.5	89.3	87.5	107.4	106.0	47.0	71.9
August .....	86.5	134.0	109.9	66.1	64.7	38.3	281.5	73.1	55.4	82.6
September .....	68.3	34.0	69.9	69.3	88.0	24.1	101.1	96.9	35.5	40.1
October .....	75.8	23.8	92.7	54.4	58.5	87.6	120.4	92.5	73.3	59.6
November .....	61.3	63.5	58.7	70.4	62.0	28.0	102.5	96.4	47.5	43.4
December .....	99.3	1,359.8	74.4	61.6	126.3	110.7	326.5	48.7	70.3	55.2
1971-January .....	83.4	803.5	61.1	85.8	80.4	66.7	136.4	161.3	59.5	45.3
February .....	74.0	57.3	112.3	55.1	37.7	41.8	395.6	53.5	51.3	39.5
March .....	97.0	102.8	111.7	65.7	60.2	207.3	212.6	161.3	54.6	46.2
April .....	77.0	17.0	102.4	58.2	51.7	50.0	109.7	202.4	47.1	77.0
May .....	64.4	68.0	78.5	54.6	61.1	30.0	179.0	45.2	43.1	57.7
June .....	77.3	35.7	86.3	75.6	59.1	87.0	251.5	77.1	42.4	42.6
July .....	84.1	79.0	104.3	68.8	62.0	72.7	77.1	56.9	80.5	114.5
August .....	107.4	80.4	78.7	204.9	37.0	51.5	187.4	41.1	42.1	81.3
September .....	55.5	35.8	50.8	63.0	51.3	61.5	102.4	54.1	50.4	35.2
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine Months 1970 ....	78.6	46.2	94.9	62.9	69.5	70.3	175.7	93.5	45.4	66.6
Nine Months 1971 ....	80.2	145.4	87.9	75.7	52.5	82.6	183.1	89.2	52.6	58.6

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1970-January .....	123	—	28	81	9	5	20	17	—	3
February .....	173	2	54	99	14	4	21	15	6	—
March .....	174	2	57	102	6	7	34	25	5	4
April .....	182	3	57	104	12	6	16	14	2	—
May .....	183	—	45	110	19	9	37	25	8	4
June .....	233	4	72	135	13	9	32	25	7	—
July .....	181	1	44	116	12	8	31	25	4	2
August .....	182	2	57	97	15	11	25	17	6	2
September .....	236	1	71	140	13	11	28	17	7	4
October .....	287	2	87	162	17	19	24	17	7	—
November .....	280	4	79	162	16	19	29	22	5	2
December .....	192	2	61	94	18	17	35	26	8	1
1971-January .....	218	4	78	111	11	14	33	28	3	2
February .....	251	3	56	142	25	25	32	20	4	8
March .....	330	6	84	185	26	29	34	27	5	2
April .....	253	1	78	145	15	14	27	17	10	—
May .....	247	3	65	137	29	13	27	20	3	4
June .....	221	2	51	125	28	15	21	14	5	2
July .....	193	—	61	103	14	15	21	17	1	3
August .....	222	—	67	118	27	10	15	12	2	1
September .....	223	3	65	123	21	11	16	9	5	2
October .....										
November .....										
December .....										
Nine Months 1970 ....	1,667	15	485	984	113	70	244	180	45	19
Nine Months 1971 ....	2,158	22	605	1,189	196	146	226	164	38	24

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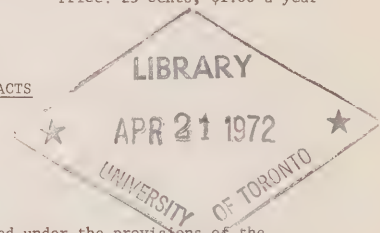
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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

### UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY AND WINDING UP ACTS

FOURTH QUARTER 1971



According to preliminary figures the total number of business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts was 787 during the fourth quarter of 1971, a decrease of 8.7 % from the revised total of 862 insolvencies recorded for the fourth quarter of 1970. The estimated liabilities of bankrupt firms was \$122,899,000, higher by 81.8 % than the total of \$67,588,000 recorded for the same quarter of 1970.

#### Failures and Liabilities by Industries

During the year the largest number of business failures occurred in the trade sector with 1,460 compared with 1,411 in 1970. Liabilities increased from \$70,505,000 to \$75,672,000 in the trade industry. In the manufacturing industry the number of failures was 320 in 1971 compared with 349 in 1970 but the liabilities increased from \$61,654,000 to \$110,291,000. The number of bankruptcies in the construction industry was 464 in 1971 as compared with 490 in 1970 and the liabilities increased from \$44,357,000 to \$45,464,000. In the financial sector the number of failures was somewhat lower but the liabilities increased from \$26,360,000 to \$33,731,000 in the 1970-71 comparison. The number of insolvencies in the service industry was 466 in 1971 compared with 505 in 1970 and the liabilities decreased from \$31,817,000 to \$25,298,000.

#### Failures and Liabilities Regionally

There were 1,434 business failures in Quebec during 1971 compared with 1,534 in 1970. Estimated liabilities decreased from \$138,461,000 to \$121,137,000. In Ontario the number of bankruptcies was 1,237 in 1971 compared with 1,212 in 1970. Defaulted liabilities increased from \$76,968,000 to \$97,533,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of business failures was 334, an increase over the 286 for 1970 and the defaulted liabilities increased sharply from \$20,998,000 to \$72,223,000. In British Columbia the number of bankruptcies was 215 compared with 195 and the liabilities rose from \$13,874,000 to \$20,236,000.

#### Failures by Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 indicate that the greatest number of failures involved businesses with liabilities in the \$5,000 to \$25,000 size group. Bankruptcies in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range declined from 813 to 799. The \$50,000 to \$100,000 size group increased from 471 to 553 and the over \$100,000 group decreased from 491 to 471 in the 1970-71 comparison.

#### Coverage

The statistics of failures in this report are limited to those bankruptcies filed under Federal legislation (the Bankruptcy and Winding-up Acts) and does not include failures, sales or seizures carried out under other legislation. In Table 6 the number of failures of wage earners is shown but the amount of liabilities is not recorded. Proposals from insolvent persons are not included in the bankruptcy data but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. In Table 6 the number of proposals is shown to give a general impression of the trend.

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TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1971 with Comparative Figures for 1970

No.		Fourth quarter							
		Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie Provinces	
		1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
1	<u>Primary industries</u> .....	-	-	13	16	15	18	8	9
	<u>Manufacturing industries:</u>								
2	Food and beverage industries .....	-	1	6	4	3	1	1	-
3	Textile industries .....	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
4	Clothing industries (including knitting mills) .....	-	-	7	6	1	2	-	-
5	Wood industries (including furniture) .....	-	2	6	7	6	1	-	-
6	Paper and allied industries (including printing and publishing) .....	-	1	8	6	8	7	3	1
7	Primary and fabricated metal industries .....	1	-	5	2	3	3	-	1
8	Machinery industries .....	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	2
9	Transportation equipment industries .....	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-
10	Electrical products industries .....	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-
11	Non-metallic mineral products industries .....	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
12	Chemical industries .....	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
13	Other manufacturing industries .....	-	-	5	4	2	4	-	-
14	Total manufacturing industries .....	2	4	47	30	27	24	5	4
	<u>Construction industries:</u>								
15	General contractors .....	1	-	17	30	18	19	5	7
16	Special trade contractors .....	-	-	41	17	33	32	3	7
17	Total construction industries .....	1	-	58	47	51	51	8	14
18	<u>Transportation, communication and other utilities</u> .....	2	3	26	15	29	19	6	14
	<u>Trade (wholesale and retail):</u>								
19	Food .....	1	1	38	37	26	25	7	3
20	General merchandise .....	1	1	8	2	8	11	-	1
21	Automotive products .....	3	-	39	40	20	31	7	8
22	Apparel and shoes .....	-	-	27	20	13	18	2	6
23	Hardware .....	1	1	9	8	6	11	-	1
24	Household furniture and appliances .....	1	1	29	20	21	13	3	2
25	Drugs .....	-	-	1	3	1	2	1	1
26	Other trades .....	-	-	37	26	21	24	13	7
27	Total trade .....	7	4	188	156	116	135	33	29
28	<u>Finance, insurance and real estate</u> .....	1	1	10	8	9	9	-	2
	<u>Services:</u>								
29	Education, health and welfare .....	-	-	4	3	4	3	1	-
30	Recreational services .....	-	-	3	2	6	6	1	-
31	Business services .....	-	-	11	8	12	9	1	3
32	Personal services .....	-	-	47	32	20	25	9	7
33	Other services .....	1	-	6	8	7	5	1	2
34	Total services .....	1	-	71	53	49	48	13	12
35	Totals .....	14	12	413	325	296	304	73	84

TABLE 1. Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries  
Fourth Quarter and Year 1971 with Comparative Figures for 1970

Fourth quarter		Total fourth quarter				The year				No.
British Columbia		Number		Liabilities		Total				
						Number		Liabilities		
1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	
\$'000						\$'000				
11	4	47	47	3,225	14,575	166	182	11,153	22,300	1
—	1	10	7	1,017	4,577	31	26	3,111	12,106	2
—	—	2	1	782	133	7	6	1,200	964	3
—	3	8	11	852	1,218	41	51	9,503	9,634	4
3	1	15	11	1,447	4,468	69	57	7,404	10,763	5
—	1	19	16	1,865	49,874	53	61	5,042	55,219	6
—	—	9	6	1,289	355	48	34	8,616	4,472	7
—	—	5	3	294	777	13	13	3,623	3,354	8
1	1	3	3	631	1,476	18	10	8,783	4,102	9
—	—	2	2	590	601	9	9	1,388	2,796	10
—	1	4	1	5,582	28	10	8	6,008	1,256	11
1	—	2	1	641	638	10	4	1,052	862	12
—	—	7	8	463	383	40	41	5,924	4,763	13
5	8	86	70	15,453	64,528	349	320	61,654	110,291	14
4	10	45	66	5,430	11,453	186	222	21,598	32,921	15
8	5	85	61	5,257	3,843	304	242	22,759	12,543	16
12	15	130	127	10,687	15,296	490	464	44,357	45,464	17
10	5	73	56	3,520	1,841	242	258	11,802	8,884	18
2	5	74	71	6,115	4,705	258	278	13,200	15,698	19
1	—	18	15	839	657	59	65	2,650	3,120	20
6	4	75	83	3,431	2,280	297	308	12,551	9,157	21
3	1	45	45	1,388	1,429	207	230	7,937	9,741	22
1	1	17	22	1,287	1,384	82	87	5,675	6,816	23
3	3	57	39	4,518	1,875	180	170	11,360	9,389	24
—	1	3	7	202	636	22	36	1,109	2,195	25
3	4	74	61	5,141	3,955	306	286	16,023	19,556	26
19	19	363	343	22,921	16,921	1,411	1,460	70,505	75,672	27
4	4	24	24	4,345	4,713	118	115	26,360	33,731	28
—	2	9	8	365	251	24	26	867	3,718	29
1	—	11	8	192	670	36	36	1,251	2,305	30
2	1	26	21	3,033	1,071	88	80	11,370	7,769	31
2	2	78	66	3,369	2,412	317	275	17,283	9,925	32
—	2	15	17	478	621	40	49	1,046	1,581	33
5	7	139	120	7,437	5,025	505	466	31,817	25,298	34
66	62	862	787	67,588	122,899	3,281	3,265	257,648	321,640	35

TABLE 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months and Industries

Total industries			Primary industries			Manufacturing industries												Construction industry						
Total			Total			Total			Wood industries including furniture			Primary and fabricated metals industries			Machinery industries			Transportation equipment industries			Total			
Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		Number	Liab.		
\$ '000			\$ '000			\$ '000			\$ '000			\$ '000			\$ '000			\$ '000			\$ '000			
1970-January .....																								
281	17,479		12	1,324		33	3,521		7	748		6	261		—	—		3	1,100		46	3,110		
301	24,488		15	480		32	3,246		5	282		6	696		1	19		2	371		50	8,937		
283	20,026		17	1,356		25	4,743		7	1,238		5	2,800		1	35		1	22		58	3,250		
February .....																								
288	25,253		15	834		39	6,958		9	1,516		5	1,633		1	580		2	57		38	5,044		
251	25,821		17	1,541		33	13,090		6	1,013		5	433		1	363		2	4,116		35	1,810		
257	21,475		12	634		15	2,128		2	55		1	27		—	—		—	—		26	1,165		
March .....																								
282	19,427		16	1,153		34	3,650		6	432		2	167		2	369		4	277		45	4,772		
197	17,037		9	360		20	5,630		4	46		2	468		1	1,515		1	2,209		18	1,316		
279	19,054		6	246		32	3,235		8	627		7	842		1	449		—	—		44	4,265		
April .....																								
290	21,991		15	525		33	3,973		6	214		5	657		2	57		2	621		46	4,258		
295	18,084		21	1,016		26	2,665		4	106		3	194		1	38		1	10		49	4,724		
277	27,513		11	1,684		27	8,816		5	1,127		1	438		2	198		—	—		35	1,706		
May .....																								
266	22,181		11	574		25	3,411		6	1,018		5	354		—	—		1	151		35	5,647		
305	22,558		14	809		22	8,704		3	1,103		2	515		4	970		2	2,165		48	2,570		
339	32,871		11	712		40	8,505		9	2,609		2	88		1	196		—	—		44	4,668		
June .....																								
293	22,567		24	917		27	2,963		6	1,135		—	—		1	402		—	—		39	7,892		
275	17,724		18	1,063		33	5,907		6	288		1	29		—	—		2	144		45	2,035		
258	20,086		17	1,067		31	7,797		7	947		5	2,261		—	—		1	50		29	2,371		
July .....																								
247	20,778		14	1,313		27	2,082		2	94		6	182		2	886		1	116		27	1,535		
242	25,933		13	613		21	3,936		1	13		3	338		2	123		—	—		27	1,123		
253	14,043		13	657		24	2,458		6	88		4	350		—	—		—	—		43	2,328		
August .....																								
259	29,736		8	701		26	9,456		6	1,955		3	186		1	681		1	1,245		44	9,315		
310	23,116		19	7,643		21	1,297		1	81		1	21		2	96		—	—		47	3,165		
218	70,047		20	6,231		23	53,775		4	2,432		2	148		—	—		2	231		36	2,815		
September .....																								
October .....																								
November .....																								
December .....																								
Twelve months																								
1970 .....	3,281	257,648	166	11,153		349	61,655		69	7,404		48	8,616		13	3,623		18	8,783		490	44,357		
Twelve months																								
1971 .....	3,265	321,640	182	22,300		320	110,291		57	10,763		34	4,472		13	3,354		10	4,102		464	45,464		

Twelve months

Twelve months





TABLE 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities

	Atlantic Provinces		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba		Saskatchewan	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1970-January .....	5	256	148	11,151	97	5,223	8	222	8	239
February .....	2	248	160	16,215	104	6,089	8	476	3	66
March .....	6	183	140	13,293	97	3,765	5	93	4	129
April .....	4	143	133	14,378	111	5,778	6	1,123	4	238
May .....	4	71	107	16,057	99	7,591	4	164	12	634
June .....	1	11	115	8,385	108	10,599	5	369	4	173
July .....	3	116	103	8,285	130	6,953	6	95	5	146
August .....	2	268	97	10,656	64	4,230	5	240	8	311
September .....	4	136	127	8,769	106	7,348	7	927	6	617
October .....	4	95	140	12,975	92	4,987	1	16	15	675
November .....	6	381	127	7,460	116	8,171	8	664	6	186
December .....	4	5,439	146	10,837	88	6,235	7	296	5	221
1971-January .....	4	3,214	127	7,757	101	8,669	5	238	7	1,138
February .....	6	344	118	13,247	119	6,555	8	521	16	565
March .....	4	411	151	16,869	125	8,217	9	371	14	668
April .....	3	50	141	14,432	105	6,106	5	597	15	344
May .....	1	68	121	9,500	111	6,056	8	185	8	594
June .....	6	348	98	8,460	108	8,169	4	50	5	126
July .....	3	237	107	11,161	104	7,151	2	126	6	277
August .....	1	80	126	9,916	68	13,932	11	569	7	219
September .....	5	179	120	6,094	92	5,792	7	281	9	736
October .....	6	5,243	105	10,865	98	8,705	7	307	9	271
November .....	4	213	120	4,732	134	12,682	8	316	7	275
December .....	2	124	100	8,104	72	5,499	7	49,300	2	129
Twelve months 1970 ....	45	7,347	1,543	138,461	1,212	76,968	70	4,685	80	3,635
Twelve months 1971 ....	45	10,511	1,434	121,137	1,237	97,533	81	52,861	105	5,342
	Alberta		British Columbia		Canada		Toronto		Montreal	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1970-January .....	6	136	9	252	281	17,479	40	1,875	76	5,748
February .....	11	480	13	915	301	24,488	41	3,507	96	13,410
March .....	10	613	21	1,950	283	20,026	41	1,748	77	11,247
April .....	16	2,284	14	1,309	288	25,253	39	3,205	63	5,539
May .....	15	894	10	410	251	25,821	34	4,103	55	9,405
June .....	7	164	17	1,774	257	21,475	32	2,121	67	5,387
July .....	16	2,169	19	1,663	282	19,427	54	3,327	51	5,619
August .....	9	872	12	460	197	17,037	24	1,854	52	6,143
September .....	15	920	14	337	279	19,054	36	1,958	70	3,250
October .....	12	966	26	2,277	290	21,991	32	2,716	78	8,553
November .....	9	577	23	645	295	18,084	50	3,773	62	4,259
December .....	10	2,603	17	1,882	277	27,513	37	2,992	86	6,490
1971-January .....	8	231	14	934	266	22,181	41	3,929	64	4,216
February .....	20	573	18	753	305	22,558	42	2,392	47	9,778
March .....	10	946	26	5,389	339	32,871	48	4,680	71	11,013
April .....	6	144	18	894	293	22,567	34	2,097	66	9,250
May .....	11	871	15	450	275	17,724	39	3,469	68	7,165
June .....	23	1,715	14	1,218	258	20,086	32	2,932	49	5,812
July .....	8	589	17	1,236	247	20,778	31	4,164	59	8,478
August .....	11	287	18	930	242	25,933	29	1,674	55	6,399
September .....	7	162	13	799	253	14,043	36	2,835	52	3,625
October .....	13	217	21	4,128	259	29,736	30	1,756	40	3,575
November .....	17	2,518	20	2,380	310	23,116	50	3,308	53	2,047
December .....	14	5,767	21	1,125	218	70,047	28	2,995	46	3,518
Twelve months 1970 ....	136	12,678	195	13,874	3,281	257,648	460	33,179	833	85,050
Twelve months 1971 ....	148	14,020	215	20,236	3,265	321,640	440	36,231	670	74,876

TABLE 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Selected Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities

	1970					1971				
	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Total
<u>Manufacturing:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	2	—	1	1	4	—	1	—	—	1
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	25	18	26	14	83	19	18	20	15	72
25,000 " 50,000 ....	22	19	20	21	82	15	21	15	13	64
50,000 " 100,000 ....	17	10	15	20	62	18	17	19	14	68
Over \$100,000 .....	24	40	24	30	118	35	34	18	28	115
Totals .....	90	87	86	86	349	87	91	72	70	320
<u>Construction:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	4	1	5	5	15	3	4	2	3	12
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	55	40	36	47	178	46	46	36	39	167
25,000 " 50,000 ....	44	29	25	38	136	33	28	30	29	120
50,000 " 100,000 ....	19	17	22	18	76	29	16	13	27	85
Over \$100,000 .....	32	12	19	22	85	16	19	16	29	80
Totals .....	154	99	107	130	490	127	113	97	127	464
<u>Trade:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	13	6	9	10	38	8	6	3	7	24
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	188	172	160	144	664	198	167	147	166	678
25,000 " 50,000 ....	86	87	89	102	364	110	80	96	78	364
50,000 " 100,000 ....	46	48	48	61	203	78	49	57	63	247
Over \$100,000 .....	26	42	28	46	142	44	31	43	29	147
Totals .....	359	355	334	363	1,411	438	333	346	343	1,460
<u>Service:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	5	5	2	7	19	7	7	6	4	24
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	70	54	52	73	249	53	48	52	66	219
25,000 " 50,000 ....	28	22	34	25	109	34	34	16	29	113
50,000 " 100,000 ....	15	10	19	18	62	16	19	17	14	66
Over \$100,000 .....	19	15	16	16	66	11	14	12	7	44
Totals .....	137	106	123	139	505	121	122	103	120	466
<u>Total Canada:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	27	13	18	27	85	19	20	13	16	68
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	396	353	324	348	1,421	374	355	310	335	1,374
25,000 " 50,000 ....	209	188	194	222	813	227	207	181	184	799
50,000 " 100,000 ....	112	105	119	135	471	161	127	130	135	553
Over \$100,000 .....	121	137	103	130	491	129	117	108	117	471
Totals .....	865	796	758	862	3,281	910	826	742	787	3,265
<u>Quebec:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	14	7	10	13	44	8	9	10	5	32
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	203	148	140	155	646	158	151	146	143	598
25,000 " 50,000 ....	97	88	72	99	356	108	78	82	73	341
50,000 " 100,000 ....	57	50	61	76	244	64	65	64	59	252
Over \$100,000 .....	77	62	44	70	253	58	57	51	45	211
Totals .....	448	355	327	413	1,543	396	360	353	325	1,434
<u>Ontario:</u>										
Under \$5,000 .....	12	5	6	11	34	8	9	3	9	29
\$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000 ....	140	153	131	128	552	148	139	108	117	512
25,000 " 50,000 ....	76	69	87	79	311	79	83	70	80	312
50,000 " 100,000 ....	38	41	38	40	157	63	47	48	51	209
Over \$100,000 .....	32	50	38	38	158	47	46	35	47	175
Totals .....	298	318	300	296	1,212	345	324	264	304	1,237

TABLE 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure(1) by Months, Economic Areas and selected Industry Groups

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
	thousands of dollars									
1970-January .....	62.2	51.4	75.3	53.8	27.1	28.0	106.7	67.6	36.4	34.4
February .....	81.4	123.5	101.3	58.5	46.5	70.4	101.5	178.7	36.7	110.1
March .....	70.8	30.5	95.0	38.8	43.9	92.9	189.7	56.0	40.4	47.0
April .....	87.7	35.8	108.1	52.1	140.2	93.5	178.4	132.7	53.4	49.8
May .....	102.9	17.8	150.1	76.7	54.6	41.0	396.7	51.7	48.8	33.5
June .....	83.6	11.0	72.9	98.1	44.1	104.4	141.5	44.8	57.9	115.2
July .....	68.9	38.3	80.4	53.5	89.3	87.5	107.4	106.0	47.0	71.9
August .....	86.5	134.0	109.9	66.1	64.7	38.3	281.5	73.1	55.4	82.6
September .....	68.3	34.0	69.9	69.3	88.0	24.1	101.1	96.9	35.5	40.1
October .....	75.8	23.8	92.7	54.4	58.5	87.6	120.4	92.5	73.3	59.6
November .....	61.3	63.5	58.7	70.6	62.0	28.0	102.5	96.4	47.5	43.4
December .....	99.3	1,359.8	74.4	61.6	126.3	110.7	326.5	48.7	70.3	55.2
1971-January .....	83.4	803.5	61.1	85.8	80.4	66.7	136.4	161.3	59.5	45.3
February .....	74.0	57.3	112.3	55.1	37.7	41.8	395.6	53.5	51.3	39.5
March .....	97.0	102.8	111.7	65.7	60.2	207.3	212.6	161.3	54.6	46.2
April .....	77.0	17.0	102.4	58.2	51.7	50.0	109.7	202.4	47.1	77.0
May .....	64.4	68.0	78.5	54.6	61.1	30.0	179.0	45.2	43.1	57.7
June .....	77.9	57.8	86.3	75.6	59.1	87.0	251.5	81.8	42.4	42.6
July .....	84.1	79.0	104.3	68.8	62.0	72.7	77.1	56.9	80.5	114.5
August .....	107.4	80.4	78.7	204.9	37.0	51.7	187.4	41.6	42.1	81.3
September .....	55.5	35.8	50.8	63.0	51.3	61.5	102.4	54.1	50.4	35.2
October .....	114.8	873.8	103.5	88.8	27.2	196.6	363.7	211.7	49.7	49.6
November .....	74.6	53.2	39.4	94.6	97.2	119.0	61.8	67.3	44.4	34.7
December .....	321.3	62.0	81.0	76.4	2,399.8	53.6	2,338.0	78.2	56.6	44.9
Twelve months 1970 ..	78.5	163.3	89.7	63.5	76.1	71.1	176.7	90.5	50.0	63.0
Twelve months 1971 ..	98.5	233.6	84.5	78.8	216.2	94.1	344.7	98.0	51.8	54.3

(1) In cases where a small number of failures involves large amounts of estimated liabilities in default, the coverage shown above may not be representative of a large number of failures.

TABLE 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas

	Wage-earner failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1970-January .....	123	—	28	81	9	5	20	17	—	3
February .....	173	2	54	99	14	4	21	15	6	—
March .....	174	2	57	102	6	7	34	25	5	4
April .....	182	3	57	104	12	6	16	14	2	—
May .....	183	—	45	110	19	9	37	25	8	4
June .....	233	4	72	135	13	9	32	25	7	—
July .....	181	1	44	116	12	8	31	25	4	2
August .....	182	2	57	97	15	11	25	17	6	2
September .....	236	1	71	140	13	11	28	17	7	4
October .....	287	2	87	162	17	19	24	17	7	—
November .....	280	4	79	162	16	19	29	22	5	2
December .....	192	2	61	94	18	17	35	26	8	1
1971-January .....	218	4	78	111	11	14	33	28	3	2
February .....	251	3	56	142	25	25	32	20	4	8
March .....	330	6	84	185	26	29	34	27	5	2
April .....	253	1	78	145	15	14	27	17	10	—
May .....	247	3	65	137	29	13	27	20	3	4
June .....	221	2	51	125	28	15	21	14	5	2
July .....	193	—	61	103	14	15	20	16	1	3
August .....	221	—	67	118	27	9	15	12	2	1
September .....	223	3	65	123	21	11	16	9	5	2
October .....	233	2	59	131	26	15	23	17	4	2
November .....	281	1	63	168	21	28	22	15	7	—
December .....	250	1	90	116	17	26	21	13	6	2
Twelve months 1970 ..	2,426	23	712	1,402	164	125	332	245	65	22
Twelve months 1971 ..	2,921	26	817	1,604	260	214	291	208	55	28









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